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The Times Wishes a Merry Christmas To Its Many Readers

WILL IMPROVE MIDNIGHT RUN ARRANGING SCHEDULE FOR NEW C. P. R. BOATS

Victoria and Vancouver Will Be Served—Dock Extensions Commence Shortly

Improvements of a far-reaching nature meeting the views of business men of both Victoria and Vancouver, are to be made in the night run ferry service between these cities, with the arrival of the sister ship to the new palatial steamer Princess Adelaide, according to Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the B. C. coast service. A new schedule will be inaugurated, providing for the sailing of one of these vessels from Victoria at midnight and the other from the Terminal city at the same hour, arriving at the respective cities early in the morning.

This new service, which will be most efficient, will be of advantage to the business man through the fact that he can leave Victoria at midnight, secure a good night's sleep, arrive in Vancouver early the next morning, spend the whole day in the Terminal city to attend to business, catch the night boat back to this city, reaching here in the morning ready to continue his duties. The same will apply to the Vancouver businessman.

Under the present conditions a passenger who leaves on the Princess Royal at midnight arrives in Vancouver at the same time as the new schedule will call for, but in returning he must either leave on the Princess Charlotte, arriving here at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, or the Chalmers, reaching here at 7 o'clock in the evening, thus giving him little time on the mainland to transact business, or else he must remain over until the next day, thereby losing time. Both these present drawbacks will be overcome by the new service.

Capt. Troup has always kept pace with the requirements of the day in steamboat facilities between here and all points where steamers of the B. C. coast service touch, and this latest step is the subject of much favorable comment, reflecting credit on the manager of the coast service. The present triangular services will be also maintained, handling most of the through passenger and tourists.

The new Princess built on the Clyde river, which arrived here last week, was especially constructed for the night run, as is her sister ship. The Adelaide has 118 staterooms with double lower and single upper and will be able to accommodate a great many passengers. She is the most handsome vessel furnished with the fleet and is bound to prove popular with the business men of both Victoria and Vancouver.

In an interview yesterday Capt. Troup stated that work of extending the inner docks would commence in the early spring. Plans for the extensions have been drawn and approved of by the Ottawa government and tenders will soon be called for. The inside dock will be carried out to Raymond's wharf and the outside pier the same distance. Owing to the increase of freight being handled by the company's vessels and

EXPRESS RATES ARE TOO HIGH; MUST BE REDUCED

SAD CHRISTMAS.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve in the village of Leigh and in the vicinity of the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton Company, where approximately 200 miners lost their lives in an explosion in the pits, was made the time for a great funeral service over the bodies of the 136 recovered dead.

The charred and mangled relics were consigned to a single grave near the mine. A pitiable feature of the funeral was the fact that only 30 bodies have been identified. Scores of widows and orphans were gathered beside the trench-like grave, uncertain whether bodies of their loved ones lie within it or under tons of rock and earth in the demolished galleries of the mines.

DIAMONDS STOLEN.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—Ten thousand dollars' worth of diamonds were stolen from a jewelry store in the center of Cincinnati's business district last night. Fifty minutes later the police arrested John Cano, aged 35, of Chicago, the proprietor of the store identifying diamonds found upon him as the stolen gems. Two rings were missing. These were valued at about \$500.

FEAR ACCIDENT TO DARING BIRDMAN

Cecil Grace Not Heard From— Reported Biplane Found in North Sea

(Times Leased Wire.)
Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—It is reported that a biplane, supposedly the Wright machine, flown by Cecil Grace, the aviator, who was lost in attempting a flight from Calais to Dover, has been found in the North Sea near Texel. It is believed that Grace has been drowned.

Texel is the northernmost and largest of the Frisian Islands, forming part of the Dutch province of North Holland. Grace was last seen at 3 p. m. Thursday off Goodwin Sands. He was five miles out over the water but was headed landward. He turned north, it is believed, and started toward the North Sea.

It is thought that he saw the high bluffs of the Kentish coast and believed they were fog banks, which he tried to avoid. He probably lost his bearings completely afterwards and kept his machine in the air until his petroleum ran out or until some accident happened to it.

E. P. DAVIS JOINS CANADIAN NORTHERN

Chief Counsel for C. P. R. in Vancouver Will Hereafter Advise Rivals

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—At the end of the present year E. P. Davis, K.C., who for the past nineteen years has acted as chief counsel for the C. P. R. in this city, will sever his connection with that company to become counsel for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in this province.

Mr. Davis has been connected with the C. P. R. as its chief legal adviser in B. C. since 1892, and during that time has acted for the company with conspicuous success in many important suits. Some surprise is expressed that he should sever the connection, and it is accepted as proof of the shrewdness of the Canadian Northern that they should have secured his services, as he is generally acknowledged to be a leader of the bar in this province.

In addition to Mr. Davis' appointment as counsel, his firm, Davis, Macneil, Macneil and Pugh, will after January 1 act as solicitors for the C. N. R.

HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

Orilla, Ont., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Catharine Regan, widow of Patrick Regan, is dead in her hundredth year.

The steady enlargement of the fleet of the C. P. R. seems it advisable to have this work done at once. It is understood that many improvements to the Vancouver docks are also to be made shortly, but no definite statement can yet be made.

FAKIR COOK UNRUFFLED.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, confident, unruffled and suave, is not worried by the suggestion that some of the persons who paid him large sums for lectures may have to recover on the ground of misrepresentation. "They heard me lecture, didn't they?" inquired the doctor. "Well, that's what they paid me for, and that's the end of it."

Cook, in a downtown restaurant, talked to friends and appeared unconcerned by the curiosity of the crowd.

INVESTIGATE EXPLOSION.

New York, Dec. 24.—Official investigation to-day into the explosion at the Grand Central milk depot on Monday that killed several persons, injured two score and wrecked adjacent buildings, revealed the fact that acetylene gas was not the cause of the explosion. The investigation eliminated the probability that acetylene caused the explosion and further investigation is under way to ascertain the cause.

FEMALE DYNAMITRADER.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, convicted for the second time of dynamiting the home of Judge Ogden, is to-day awaiting sentence. The jury in finding the woman guilty, recommended extreme clemency to the court. Sentence will be passed next Wednesday. A former conviction was reversed by the Supreme court.

FIVE BY-LAWS BEFORE PEOPLE

FINAL PASSAGE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Ratepayers to Decide on Ref- erendum and Large Money Expenditure on Jan. 12

The city council last night held a short and formal session in the committee room, before taking up the streets, bridges and sewers committee business, and finally passed the five by-laws which are to be placed before the ratepayers for their decision.

The by-laws are: Sooke Lake water scheme, Water Main Extension by-law, Theatre by-law, Underground Telephone by-law, and Electric Lighting by-law.

The referendum questions were also passed. These are:

1. Shall improvements be exempt from taxation?
2. Shall the police and licence com-

missioners be elected by the voters of the city?

3. Shall saloons and bottle licences be abolished, and licences for the sale of liquor be granted only to hotels complying with the statutory requirements?

These questions will be before the public for voting the same day as the by-laws, January 12, polling day in the municipal elections.

TAKES STRIKERS BACK.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—G. T. employees received word from their representatives in Montreal that all strikers will be reinstated by January 1. There are 275.

BENEFACTOR OF JEWS DEAD.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—Baron David Guenzburg died here yesterday from cancer. He was 54 years old and a son of Horace Ossipovitch Guenzburg, president of the central committee of the Jewish colonization company. Like his father, he was famous for his benefactions to the Jews and Jewish causes.

MISSIONARY MURDERED.

Hongkong, Dec. 24.—Father Morio, who had been a French missionary in China since 1908, was murdered Thursday by natives in Yungpeeh, in the province of Yunnan. An investigation into the case of the murder is proceeding. The district about Yungpeeh is usually quiet.

DYNAMITE FOUND ON CHURCH STEPS

Seattle Pastor's Rebuke of Vice Protection Followed by Threats

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Five sticks of dynamite wrapped in a package were found on the front steps of the First Methodist church late yesterday by C. E. Downie, who chanced to be passing.

Downie is employed in the New York building and as he passed the church noticed the parcel on the church steps. He investigated and found five sticks of dynamite, each about a foot long. There was enough explosive to blow the building to atoms.

Downie notified the police and stood guard over the dangerous package until Patrolman Opdike arrived and took the stuff to police headquarters.

Rev. Adna Wright Leonard is pastor of the church. Last Sunday evening he scored the city administration for permitting vice conditions to flourish, and rebuked what he called the "friendly influences of vice" in Seattle. Later he received a letter threatening him with death and the destruction of the church.

PINNED DOWN IN A BAD TRAIN WRECK

Eight Persons Unable to Es- cape From Carriages Are Cremated

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 24.—Two persons were killed outright and eight others so severely injured that they could not crawl from the wreckage were incinerated in the wreck of a Glasgow-bound express train near Carlisle to-day, according to reports received here. Twenty passengers were severely injured and many of them probably will die.

The express, running at high speed, crashed into a pilot engine. The passenger coaches were telescoped. Two passengers were killed. Their bodies were removed from the debris and laid alongside the tracks by the uninjured passengers. Before the work of rescuing the injured could be begun the wreckage took fire and burned rapidly.

The injured were forced to crawl from the wrecked coaches unaided. At least eight persons were too badly hurt to make their way out of the wreckage or were pinned down by heavy timbers and were burned to death, spectators state.

SHIPWRECKED CREW RESCUED.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—Capt. Bosvian and twelve men comprising the crew of the Norwegian barque Sperra, were rescued to-day by means of a breeches-buoy, when the vessel went ashore on Cape Hatteras. The rescue was effected by members of the United States life-saving service.

THREATENED STRIKE OF ENGINEERS IS AVERTED

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A settlement between the engineers of the sixty-one western railroads and the company officials has been reached, and the threatened general strike has been averted. The fact of a settlement was announced by Commissioner of Labor Charles F. Wall, who has been acting as mediator. The terms have not yet been given out.

The settlement of the strike came to-day after a number of conferences between Neil and the railroad officials and engineers. It was announced yesterday that the settlement or final break would be apt to come to-day. The engineers for the past few days have said that they were tired of delay, and that they would take definite action unless the railroads made concessions which they could reasonably consider.

It was known this morning that the railroads had agreed to concessions that they had declined to make before, and it is believed that on their part the engineers finally agreed to make a number of concessions in the interests of peace.

The settlement to-day brings to an end the possibility of a strike of the engineers on practically all lines west of the Mississippi river. The threatened strike involved \$5,000,000 worth of business. The strike vote was taken by locals on all

KILLED WHILE SPEEDING HOME

EXPRESSES MEET ON THE PENNSYLVANIA

Engine Crews Dead and Two Passengers—Steel Pull- mans Withstand Shock

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bucyrus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Two passengers and four trainmen were killed in the wreck of two fast-Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains at Nevada, Ohio, ten miles west of here, to-day. The dead:

William Fowler, passenger, Chicago; Friedstein, passenger, Chicago; Geo. Morton and Cass D. Beebe, baggage-men; C. C. Craig and C. C. Miller, engineers.

The trains, running on the same track on account of a freight wreck, came together at terrific speed. One train was made up entirely of Pullman sleepers. The other train was a fast express. The express either misunderstood orders, or failed to see the signals, and rushed ahead full speed, striking the other train head-on.

The engine was derailed and the express crashed into the baggage car, demolishing it and piling the Pullmans together along the side of the track. The accident occurred in a heavy snow storm and the express engineer was unable to see the standing train.

The locomotives were crumpled into a heap of wreckage by the impact of the collision. The first sleeper of the standing train was made of wood, and the others were of steel construction. The wooden car was crushed and the two dead passengers were killed in their berths. A number of other passengers in this car were severely injured. All the passengers who were hurt were in this sleeper.

About the wreckage were strewn hundreds of Christmas packages which had been carried by the passengers and formed part of the load in the express cars.

EMBEZZLING TELLER.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23.—Joseph F. Fuhrman, paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Tacoma, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with defalcation of \$25,000 of the bank's funds. President Chester Thorne admitted, however, that the total amount of the alleged embezzlement would reach \$75,000.

Fuhrman, who is 35 years of age, has been connected with the bank for the past ten years, and had worked up from the position of "runner" to that of paying teller. His salary recently had been \$1,800 a year.

Fuhrman, it is said, invested nearly all of the money alleged to have been taken from the bank in timber lands, and had purchased a shingle mill at Des Moines. He was known as a man of excellent habits and none of the money was squandered. The maximum penalty for the crime with which Fuhrman is charged is 10 years in the penitentiary.

CHRISTMAS

AMUSEMENTS

Victoria Theatre—Harold Nelson in "The Web"—Canadian play and actor—on Monday evening; return visit of "The Burgomaster" on Tuesday evening.

New Grand—Vaudeville. Matinee and two evening performances.

Moving Pictures—New films and seasonable, at Jamieson's Crystal Theatre, Majestic Theatre, Romano Photoplay Theatre and New Empire Theatre.

Lycium Theatre—Musical comedy, afternoon and evening.

Football—Victoria vs. Berkeley for Cooper-Kelch cup at Oak Bay grounds, at 3:30 p. m., Monday.

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YUCATAN IS LEAVING PORT

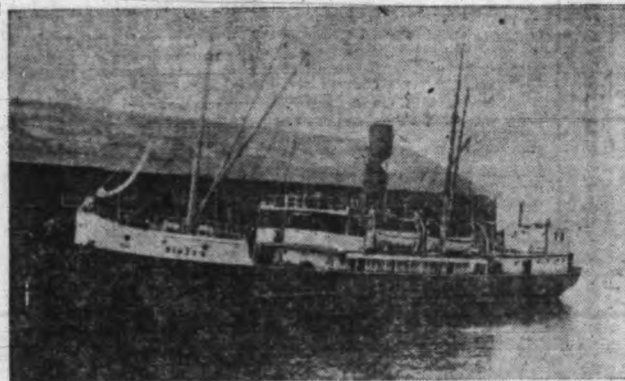
WRECKED STEAMER TO PROCEED TO SEATTLE

Settlement Reached Between Owners and Underwriters Regarding Salvage

After lying at the outer dock for the past six months the wrecked steamer Yucatan, of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet, is to leave this port for Seattle in a few days, a satisfactory compromise having been arranged between the owners and the underwriters. Capt. W. H. Logan, special agent of the London Salvage Association, who returned to this city yesterday afternoon, brought the news that a settlement had at last been reached. The Yucatan was wrecked in Icy Straits on February 17, 1910, and was abandoned by her owners as a total loss. The underwriters, however, after examining the wreck, came to the conclusion that the vessel could be raised, and the British Columbia Salvage Company undertook the work. She was successfully floated under the supervision of Capt. Logan, and brought to Esquimalt to be surveyed, when bids were invited for placing the vessel in a seaworthy condition. The lowest of ten bids was that of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, Portland, Ore., which agreed to repair the vessel in 140 days for \$39,900. A dispute arose between the underwriters and the owners, the latter maintaining that the steamer was a constructive total loss and as such they had abandoned her, while the insurers maintained that the Yucatan could be repaired and returned for less than the amount of insurance.

While this dispute has been going on, the Yucatan has been lying at the

outer wharf with large centrifugal pumps keeping her holds free from water. At one time she listed five feet and settled considerably, and to save her from sinking the salvor was ordered from Esquimalt to pump her out. It is not expected that the Alaska Steamship Company will repair the injured steamer, as it is understood that



STEAMER ST. DENIS

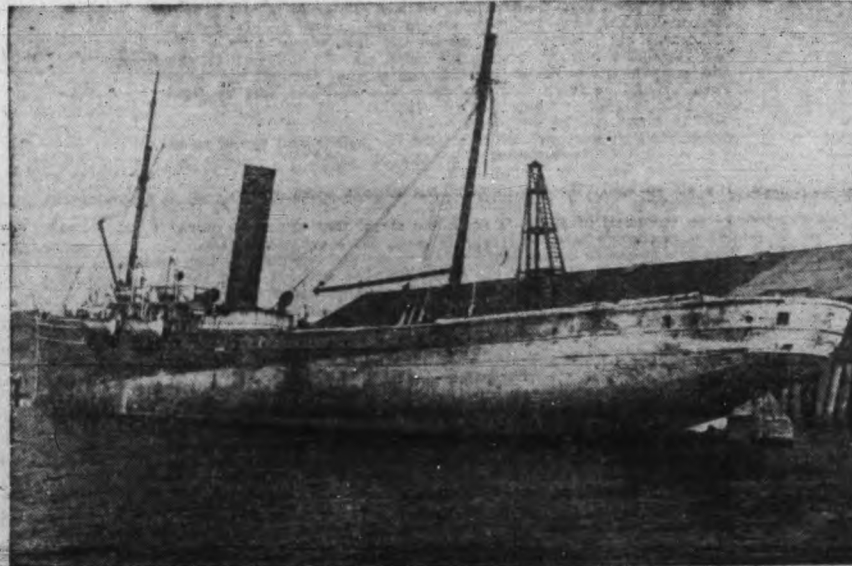
Which Is Believed to Have Foundered With All Hands in the Recent Gale off Cape Flattery.

the vessel will be offered for sale as she is at present. Bates & Chesborough, San Francisco, who operate a line of steamships to New York, sent in a bid for the vessel, but it was rejected.

MUST NOT MARRY.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—When Miss Margaret Perkins went to work as telephone operator in a local hotel to-day the management required her to give a bond not to marry within six months. This instrument, duly signed and sealed, holds Miss Perkins' bondsmen liable to the extent of \$500 in the event she becomes a bride on or before June 21, 1911. The sureties are prominent business men.

The reason for this unusual requirement by the hotel management is that half a dozen telephone operators have married within many months.



ALASKA S. S. CO.'S STEAMER YUCATAN

Which Went Ashore in Icy Strait, Alaska, Last Winter, and Since Being Salvaged by the B. C. Marine Ry. Co., Has Laid at Outer Wharf Pending Settlement Between the Owners and Underwriters. The Yucatan Is to Be Taken Over to Seattle.

RUSHING NEW G. T. P. HOME TO COMPLETION

Will Be Handsomest Structure on Waterfront—Hold Grand Opening Shortly

With its pretty dipping roof, large and spacious waiting rooms and large windows for the travelling—public to witness the arrival and departure of the boats, the new Grand Trunk Pacific passenger and ticket office on Wharf street, now being rapidly rushed to completion, will be one of the handsomest structures along the waterfront—Dundas & Malcolm, the contractors, are employing a large gang of men in getting the building ready for occupancy within a short time.

When completed the office staff, consisting of W. E. Duperow, city passenger agent; Charles E. Barle, assistant city passenger agent; Harold Brown, dock and freight agent; and R. J. Backhus, assistant dock and freight agent, will be hosts to the shipping men and citizens of Victoria at an opening ceremony, the date of which will be announced later.

The interior finishing is quite in keeping with the fine character of the building and is elaborate in every particular. The walls are paneled with selected British Columbia fir for about five feet up and the ceiling and remainder of the walls kalsomined. Besides the allotted space for the large passenger and ticket office, there will be two waiting rooms, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen, both of which will open out on to the runway to the boats.

Many large pictures depicting scenes along the line of the G. T. P. in eastern Canada have been received for the new offices and are now in the hands of Sommer & Sons being framed in special heavy dark oak frames. The electric light in the building is being installed by the Hinton Electric Co., and the plumbing is in the hands of Hayward & Dadds. The splendid basement beneath the new home is 24 feet in height and will be used for storage purposes.

SCHOOL CLOSING.

At the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of Miss Messenger and Miss Archbutt. The Pupils, Burdette and the following were the awardees: Head of school—Florence Smith. Class I.—Geography and literature, Florence Smith; elocution, English history, writing, Denise Harris. Class II. (upper division)—Map draw-

May the Shadows

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(An Acrostic.)

By J. J. M.

A way from the turmoil and troubles of life,
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A way from the "rats" which that insolent mule
Puts forth as the cause of all civic misrule,
Put-by for the season are vetoes and basins,
Yates street improvements and those excavations
Calked out by the Mayor for that telephone "Kitty,"
Hung out now on poles which disfigure the city;
Hushed by the prospect of having a rest,
I'm fully determined to just take the best
Sdorific I've had since I came to this "shop,"
To straighten the matters neglected by Topp.
My recent vexations I'll toss to the winds,
And despite those ideas which haunt evil minus,
Since Peace and Good-will have now come at last
To all who are ready to bury the past,
O fall my fond wishes, the greatest and best,
And the one which I'm certain contains all the rest,
Lies herein disguised, although easily seen—
Look down the "Great Letters" and spell what I mean.

PANDORA HOTEL

CASE DISMISSED

DECISION GIVEN

IN COURT TO-DAY

Technical Breach and Tacit
Concurrence in Irregularity
by Mayor Morley

That Mayor Morley has committed a technical breach of the licensing act, and that he has tacitly concurred in the present irregularity in connection with the license to the Pandora hotel, was the opinion given by Magistrate Jay from the police court bench this morning, when rendering his decision in the case of the city against L. J. Quagliotti. The prosecution against the Pandora hotel was dismissed.

The charge was instigated by the mayor through the city solicitor. The hotel was granted a license in the name of Bosustow and Adutt, the fee for which was paid to the city by L. J. Quagliotti, the owner. In July last, Quagliotti then took over the premises and was refused a temporary permit by Mayor Morley on three occasions. Magistrate Jay at the hearing reserved his decision until this morning. The decision given, after reciting the facts of the case, read as follows:

It must be noted that the mayor had knowledge in July that defendant had taken possession of the premises and that on the 11th of November, if not before, the license board was fully cognizant of the conditions under which the defendant was carrying on the business upon the premises, and although two regular statutory sittings of the board had been held, viz. on the 14th September and the 14th December, besides extraordinary sessions, no attempt had been made by the board to interfere with prevailing conditions.

The board under the powers conferred by the municipal clauses act, might have either suspended or cancelled the license, but have not done so, and in my opinion, being as previously pointed out, aware that the defendant was selling liquor under the existing license to Bosustow, have tacitly concurred in the irregularity.

CHURCHES AND DIVORCE

The Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, ex-president of the Wesleyan Methodist conference, in giving evidence before the Divorce commission in London, said that in the whole of his long experience he had never known a case of divorce or separation between Wesleyan Methodists, nor had he heard of one. Such cases might arise occasionally, but they were very rare. Nor had he heard of divorced people, innocent or guilty, applying to Wesleyan ministers for a remarriage ceremony.

The expense and difficulty of divorce proceedings forced the prior to be satisfied with obtaining separations. In his judgment this led to further misconduct on both sides and to the formation of irregular unions. Divorce would be far more conducive to morality and general well-being than such separations.

Father Michael Kelly, of St. Monica's, Hoxton, who said he was the oldest parish priest in London, stated that the Roman Catholic poor did not desire greater facilities for divorce. He had never met with an application for such relief.

Lord Curzon: Suppose Catholics go to the divorce court, what happens? The witness: We hold they are married still.

What if a Catholic goes further and remarries, what do you do? We should hold he is not married, and if he persisted he would be cut off from the Church.

Have you known such cases? I never had a case in my life.

LOCAL NEWS

Penian Raid veterans 1866-70 are requested by Lieut. H. R. Treen to call at his office, 634 View street.

Owing to the fact that several members of the Fifth Regiment band are out of town there will be no band concert on Sunday.

The Victoria Firemen's Recreation club are holding their monthly social dance on Thursday, Dec. 29. Admission is by invitation only.

The B. C. Telephone company has opened an exchange at Sidney, with which long distance connection can now be obtained. A branch is also being stationed at Keatings.

W. E. Oliver has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of reeve of Oak Bay municipality. He twice before held the position. A petition is being circulated asking Reeve Henderson to offer himself for re-election.

An important meeting of the Referees' association will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Blanchard street, on Tuesday evening next. President Allison will take it as a personal favor if all members will make a special effort to be present.

The streets committee of the city council last night adopted a recommendation from the city engineer that the trees on Douglas street, between Queen's avenue and Bay street, be removed; also three poplars and three maple trees on Vancouver between Pandora and Johnson, and one poplar on North Park between Blanchard and Quadra.

The fire department is being equipped with a life-saving line apparatus. This is a gun which sends a weight with 30 feet of light hempen line attached to points where it is impossible to throw a rope. Drill with the new equipment will commence next week. The gun has three reels of line and 25 cartridges, and will carry 400 feet.

The Daughters of Scotland will hold their annual Hogmanay ball on Friday, Dec. 30, in the Broad street hall. Owing to New Year's Eve, following on Saturday the society have changed the date of their ball to Friday evening. The grand march will start at 8.30 o'clock. No pains are spared to make the evening a success. Scotch dainties are as usual being provided.

Fire Chief James Horan, who was killed in the Chicago fire, was a visitor to Victoria last year. He was here Aug. 31, 1909, when he called on Fire Chief Davis, who is an old friend of his. The Victoria fire department has sent the following telegram to the mayor of Chicago: "We as a department sincerely regret the loss of your esteemed fire chief Horan. Kindly convey our deepest sympathy to relatives."

PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. Fielden Nadin, Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holiday in this city with relatives on Belcher avenue.

Percy H. P. McKay returned on Monday from Portland, where he has been attending the dental college, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKay, Courtenay street.

AN AIR PORT

An Aeroplane Landing Designed in Heart of City of New York.

The first step to create a great air port at New York has been announced, anticipating the day when airplanes will land in New York just as the great ships of the world enter its harbor, an aeroplane landing and launching stage has been designed in the very heart of the city. The work is being carried on by the United States aeronautical reserve, under the personal direction of John Barry Ryan. The platform will be built above the roofs of the buildings on the east side of Fifth avenue, from Twelfth to Thirtieth streets. The drawings already prepared indicate a platform 250 feet in length and 75 feet in width. It will be surrounded by a heavy net to protect the aviators from falling off the platform should they fail to land safely in the centre. Since aeroplanes can now rise with a run of 20 feet, the stage should offer every opportunity for handling the airplanes.

RAT CRUSADE IN LONDON.

Inquiries are being made by the Holborn borough council at all premises likely to harbor rats, and notices are to be issued warning residents and traders to cover receptacles for food refuse and to keep foodstuffs in a place inaccessible to rats.

"An enormous amount of damage is done by rats in London," state the council, "and our attention has been drawn to their prevalence in some of the older buildings in the borough. If it appears that any house or part of a house is infested with vermin, the council may require the owner or occupier to take such steps as may be necessary for the purpose of destroying and removing the vermin."

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Small Pocket Purses in seal and alligator. Colors brown, green and black, each, 50c, 35c, 25c and 15c
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Novelties in Evening Bags—Silk, sequins, and suede. Splendid value at \$5.50 to \$3.75
The New Avenue Bag, fitted with mirror and powder puff, with hand straps. Each, \$4.25 and \$3.50
Leather Bags, with riveted frame and chain purse inside. Each, \$1.25 and 90c
Handsome Leather Bags, fitted with mirror, powder puff and box, smelling salts, card case and purse. \$6.75, \$4.75, down to 2.75
Leather Bags of fine quality, handle, alligator and fancy gold tops in tan and grey. Purse inside. Each, \$3.75
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FORGOTTEN HEROES.

No fewer than seven Victoria Crosses, which were in the collection of Colonel Littlejohn, of Cheltenham, were sold at Sotheby's, London, recently.

The first was that awarded to Edward Jennings, of the Bengal Artillery, in the Indian Mutiny, which sold for £67. Jennings worked to the last as a corporation street laborer at Shields.

A Victoria Cross belonging to Sergeant Walters, of the 9th Regiment, in the Crimea, realized £72. Walters went to an officer's rescue and saved his life.

A third, that of John McGauran, of the Bengal Fusiliers, at Delhi, sold for £68. Mr. McGauran carried a wounded comrade into camp under a heavy fire.

The Cross awarded to Corporal W. Brennan, of the 2nd Regiment, in the Indian Mutiny, sold for £77. Oxeenham extricated a man from beneath some ruins in spite of a tremendous fire from the enemy.

Three other Victoria Crosses realized £20, £11 and £20 respectively.

THREE TONS OF FISH.

The final sea-angling festival of the season at Deal concluded recently. Over three tons of fish were caught in the three days.

The heaviest one-day's take of sizeable fish was secured by H. E. Willing, who won the Borough of Deal challenge cup with 29 lb. 11 oz. The Walmer silver challenge cup and gold medal for the heaviest day's catch of whiting were won by J. Jefferson. The challenge cup for the heaviest one-day's catch of cod went to G. Roberts with 36 lb. 6 oz. of cod. J. Cook and W. J. Todd tied for the heaviest fish during the festival, each setting a fish of 13 lb. They will each hand the Deal Castle cup for six months, and both get silver medals.

The ladies' prize was won by Miss K. Lee with 20 lb. 12 1/2 oz.

LOVE TRAGEDY.

Lieutenant and His Fiancee Die Together in Austria.

A lieutenant of an infantry regiment at Stanislau, Austria, Maximilian Kasparek, suffered from melancholia on account of his inability to marry a lady whose family were unable to provide the dowry that the military authorities demanded from the prospective wife of an officer.

A short time ago the lieutenant, accompanied by the lady, was seen to enter his rooms at the barracks. Neither of the missing pair was seen again, and it was decided to force open the door. The lieutenant and his fiancée lay on the floor with bullet wounds in their heads. On the writing desk a pile of letters was discovered, addressed to various relatives, saying that the pair, despairing of ever being united in life, had resolved to die together. They begged their relatives to lay them side by side in a common grave.

DYNAMITE GLYCERINE.

The announcement that the price of glycerine has, by a further advance of 55, reached a record figure comes at the end of a period of five years, during which it has increased by leaps and bounds, says a London exchange. The wholesale prices for the last five years of 50 per cent. pure glycerine are: 1905, \$12.50 per ton; 1906, \$18.00 per ton; 1907, \$25.00 per ton; 1908, \$35.00 per ton; 1909, \$55.00 per ton. This extraordinary increase is primarily due to the demand for that quality of glycerine used in the manufacture of explosives such as dynamite, which is derived from nitro-glycerine. Five years ago "dynamite glycerine," an impure variety, was about \$10.00 or \$15.00 per ton cheaper than pure glycerine. To-day it is \$15.00 dearer. The price has therefore risen in that period from \$15.00 to \$55.00, an increase of over 300 per cent. The demand for glycerine for the manufacture of high explosives has increased steadily, but not

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The above rules are made for the benefit of readers of the Times, who insist upon the paper being delivered as early in the evening as possible.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

To-morrow will be Christmas Day, the greatest day of all the year. It is not only the significance of the day as the anniversary of the birth of the Founder of the religious faith of Christendom that stamps the Yuletide festival with a peculiarity not to be found in any of our other holidays. Custom has decreed that this is the season in which we shall forget for a while the cares of business, the weary grind of our daily labor, and give ourselves up unreservedly to pure enjoyment. It is the season for the reunion of families when all gather round the festive board, laden with delicacies, forgetful of the future days of indignation. We throw dull care away and join with the children in making it the happiest of days. As we meet our friends we wish them happiness, we think happy thoughts, and the result is we are happy. And why not? We all take this old world much too seriously. Life is to most of us a battle with our creditors. We have to earn in order that we may pay. At Christmas time, however, we throw discretion to the winds, draw our salaries, hurry down town and purchase for the ones we love the little useless creations which will help to make both them and us happy. The fact that there is a time of reckoning coming in January never enters our heads. Let January take care of itself. This is the time to be happy. Let us eat, drink and be merry, for there will be plenty of time later to think of paying bills. To-night people who before this have been unable to make proper provision for the celebration, will almost fight with each other for the privilege of buying the most nonsensical of presents; but to-morrow they will be well repaid when the children find the well-filled stockings, or rather from the evergreen tree the longed-for tokens of the goodwill of parents or friends. That we are paying three times the value of what we are getting never enters into our calculations. We become intoxicated with the pleasure of giving, the only time of year when custom allows us the privilege. It is our potlatch festival. The time when many give away all they possess just

for the joy of giving. We know that most of our readers are among the intoxicated ones. We wish them all the happiness of the great and holy season. We hope all will be members of some family circle, where they will vie with the others in increasing the joy of the world. For those who have not already done so, it is not too late to look around among kinsfolk and acquaintances to find out if there is not still one who is perhaps left out in the cold—unprovided for. There may even be a stranger who can be admitted to the inner circle for the one day, thus increasing the pleasure of the rest. To see that there are none compelled to spend the day in solitude and loneliness when good cheer abounds is the very spirit of the season.

ROYAL NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE.

The seasonal papers dealing with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police are always interesting. They show the large amount of work which is being done by this fine body of men, covering a vast territory larger than many of the countries of Europe. There are in all 649 men to patrol the whole of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon and the other territories of the Northwest. The number in the Yukon has been reduced of late owing to the gradual decrease in the population of that territory following the working out of the mines in some districts, but Commissioner Perry says he expects to have to again increase the number, as there are evidences that increased development will take place there.

Besides doing ordinary work, these men have to a large extent under their control the Indian tribes scattered throughout the territory. They fight, firm, act as health officers in preventing the spread of disease and enforce quarantine restrictions. They are also game wardens, having particular charge of the few wolf buffalo now remaining in the country. Those patrolling the Mackenzie district go all the way down the Mackenzie river to the Arctic, making periodical visits to Herschel Island. They report on the conditions of the Indians and Eskimoes, and make recommendations to the Dominion government as to suitable regulations dealing with those tribes. They also report upon the character of the country, and its possibilities for settlement or other purposes. Nearly all of the men are well educated. They live most of their lives on horseback, and it is very seldom that they have to use force in dealing with their prisoners. During the year over ten thousand cases were brought to trial by them and over nine thousand convictions secured. The force is looked upon as the model police force of the world.

NAVY BUILDING IN JAPAN.

Like all countries which have a considerable seaboard and are consequently interested in the carrying trade of the world, Japan has its naval question and to-day it is looming large in that country. There is on one hand the extremist party asking for an immense navy, while on the other the men who fear the cost and who want scarcely any navy. The government has taken the middle course and is proposing to spend forty-two million dollars during the next six years with the purpose of keeping the navy in good fighting shape. In making a plea for further expenditures the Japanese newspaper Jiji Shimpo in a recent issue, says:

"The plan is indeed imperfect, and it is very doubtful if the Japanese navy will have only nineteen battleships and armored cruisers, while the British navy will contain seventy-eight of such warships, the American navy forty-two, the German navy forty, and the French navy thirty-two. Not only that but it must not be forgotten that ten or more of the principal warships of the Japanese navy which played a prominent part in the China-Japanese and Russo-Japanese wars will soon be too old for further service. As any European power having a first-class navy may send about thirty battleships and armored cruisers to the Far East at any time of emergency, the Japanese navy ought to be increased by at least ten or twelve powerful battleships in the seven year period referred to above. This is obvious, if the government desires to guarantee the general peace of Japan and the Far East, as Marquis Katsuma says he does." In conclusion the Jiji Shimpo urges such increased naval development, even if something has to be sacrificed by the Japanese army in the matter of expenditure.

The Kobe Herald, an English newspaper published in Japan, discussing the same subject, doubts if the Japanese have properly considered the financial side of the question. It suggests that there are large expenditures which should be made for ordinary development work and does not think the income from the new tariff will amount to as much as is expected. As a matter of fact none of the countries which are to-day building

huge navies can afford to do so. It is done simply because it has become the fashion. Germany, and Great Britain, are building against each other. France, and the United States are building because Germany and Great Britain are doing so; and Japan is building in order to be in the swim with the others. It is a craze which if not stopped will eventually lead to national embarrassment.

UNITED STATES MARKET.

The development of the Canadian wheat fields is just commencing. There will be millions of acres of prairie lands cultivated within the next few years, and hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat raised for which the market will be the world. There is no doubt that the United States, on account of its position, will be one of our best customers, for the limit of output has been almost reached in that country, while the population is constantly increasing. For this reason it will be a splendid thing for the people of the prairies to have free trade with the United States in wheat. The farmers at present are more concerned about getting their implements and machinery free, but if, by having access to the American market, they can secure several cents a bushel more for their product, it will benefit them much more than being able to purchase their plows and binders in the American market. This will be much more apparent as time goes on and the United States market develops. There will be plenty of wheat raised on the prairies to keep the railways busy carrying it out by the St. Lawrence route, and doubtless much will go by Hudson's Bay. It is also a pretty sure thing that a good deal of shipping will be done by this coast as the wheat fields develop in this direction and the low grade railways commence operations. Still the United States should take a good deal of our Canadian products, and it is therefore very advisable that reciprocal arrangements be made with them to provide that this market shall be conserved for the Canadian people. The prairie farmers are asking for free trade with the United States. They will probably get it in time, but not all at once. If a beginning can be made during the coming year, this must satisfy the free traders. The arrangement can be extended from time to time, until eventually all the trade barriers have been taken down.

We ask our readers not to forget that on Monday the great Rugby football match between Victoria and Stanford University will be played.

As the members of the Times staff will be keeping Christmas on Monday, that day being a public holiday, there will be no paper published in the evening.

Complaint has been made that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not sufficiently explicit on some points in addressing the delegation of farmers at Ottawa recently. It is all right for irresponsible politicians to talk and tell all they have in their minds, but it is not customary for a statesman to make an announcement until it has been properly considered by his supporters and action decided upon. The off-hand announcements of some Conservative politicians have caused a lot of trouble in the party.

OCEAN POULTRY YARD.

Tramp Steamship Welsh Prince Purchases Chickens in Cheapest Market.

Poultry raising on the high seas is profitable, says George White, first officer of the tramp steamship Welsh Prince, which is discharging cargo at Brooklyn after a 46,000-mile trip. The Welsh Prince has the distinction of being the only steamship which has on board a poultry yard. It covers the entire width of a section of a lower deck. It bears a regulation henhouse. One result of White's idea is that at a minimum cost fresh chicken and fresh-laid eggs are served to officers and crew at least twice a week.

"We stock up with hens and chickens," ducks, and geese before leaving port," said White, "but we won't do it here. Why, out in the Philippines chickens cost only 18 cents a dozen, and that means a good colling size. Talk about the high cost of living! When we touched at Cebu I bought three geese for half a dollar. Capt. Sheppard thought I was stuck. 'But the first day out one of those consecutive days she laid an egg for breakfast every morning. When we ran into cold weather the geese stopped laying.' The Welsh Prince brought the skeleton of a huge whale and the entire body of an embryo whale preserved in alcohol, both consigned to the Museum of Natural History. The whale was caught on the northern coast of Japan by agents of the museum.

ROYAL PATRON.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has intimated to Sir Henry E. Roscoe, the chairman of the appeal committee for new chemical laboratories at University College, London, his willingness to accept the position of president of the appeal committee. The object of the appeal is to raise money for the purchase of a site in Gower Place, and the erection thereon of new chemical laboratories.

Crocodiles, like otteriches, swallow pebbles and small stones, which serve the purpose of grinding their food.

OUR LETTER BOX

MURDEROUS HAT PINS.

To the Editor:—In your paper of the 21st there appeared an article under the heading of "Murderous Hat Pins." It is just about this law was passed in connection with this face stabber. It was only yesterday I saw a gentleman's face badly injured, and the young woman had hardly the politeness to regret her carelessness.

I was shown some days ago a very clever invention of a Mr. Andrew Hutchison, of this city. It is most simple, a pretty ornament and a perfect safeguard. In my own line of business I have seen nothing to equal it, and trust it will soon be on the market. In reading a London magazine some little time back it is stated the losses caused by this vile and dangerous article are estimated at \$1,000,000 to the eyes and face, at over one hundred thousand a year. Some short time ago several women were heavily fined in Chicago, Washington, New York and Seattle, and it is now time for Canada to take steps.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

December 24, 1910.

QUALITY AND PRICE OF MILK?

To the Editor:—A circular has been issued by the Victoria milk vendors which, after giving a list of milk vendors who, they state, have been forced out of business by the lack of profit in selling milk to the public at the present prices, follows this statement: Increasing scarcity and cost of dairy cows, resulting in larger depreciation or loss on cows, increased taxation, rents, labor, feed and other commodities that the dairyman has to buy, make it necessary for them to receive an increase in the price of milk to enable them to stay with the business." Then follows a list of prices showing an increase of 12 or 14 per cent.

How the increased scarcity of dairy cows can increase the depreciation or loss on cows I do not know. The increased taxation, cost of labor, feed, etc., which the dairyman has to buy may be admitted, and the extra expense may call for a certain percentage of increase in the price of milk. But will any dairyman maintain that the so-called milk as supplied to the public of Victoria from a quart of which, after standing under the best conditions for 10 or 12 hours, not more than a tablespoonful of cream can be skimmed, is anything like a fair percentage of milk as given by the cow? Milk as supplied at present may be kept by a householder in a jug or basin, previously cleaned out with boiling water, under the best conditions in the fresh air, protected by a good cover from air contamination, yet milk under these conditions will turn sour in 24 hours at this time of the year. In summer time, in the same length of time, it will turn rony, so that with a spoon you can tell it is stringy. Is this the usual result, under best conditions of good milk as taken from the cow? Why is it that it is next to impossible to find a milk cart before 8 a. m.? Is it because they do not get loaded up until all the milk has been passed through a separator, with the result that the public get nothing more than skim milk bolted up with dope of one kind or another? I for one, will gladly pay what the increased cost of production may reasonably demand in the price of milk, but it must be milk, not such a libel on a good cow as is at present vended by the dairyman.

Cost cities have an inspection of milk who goes about taking samples from the milk vendor's cans as he is on his rounds. I seem to think there was such an arrangement in Victoria in years ago. But if the law still stands it is more honored in the breach than the observance. J. A. THOMSON.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

Absolutely Controlled by Companies Owned Abroad, According to Witness Before Commission.

Testimony that steamship companies which are owned abroad absolutely control American shipping and have spent money freely to foster feeling against an American marine was offered before the congressional committee at New York holding sessions to investigate charges that a steamship lobby is maintained at Washington. Wm. H. Douglas, who formerly represented a New York district in congress, was the witness who made these statements.

"At conditions are now," Mr. Douglas testified, "the American merchant is handicapped. The foreign steamship owners make a rate at Hamburg, London and Paris, that controls the export shipment of an article to this country. Even if the American should charter a steamer for his own freight, he would not be able to obtain additional freight to make up a cargo."

Similar conditions govern trade between the United States and South America, Mr. Douglas said, as all the lines plying between the two countries are owned abroad; companies, he asserted, had spent money freely to influence sentiment against American shipping.

WOMEN SCIENTISTS.

French Academy Trying to Avoid Rejecting Name of Madame Curie.

Mme. Curie's candidature for membership in the French Academy of Sciences has thrown that body into confusion. The tradition against women members is strong, but so are Mme. Curie's claims to sit as equal in any body of scientists.

In their dilemma a number of members of the five academies, those of Moral and Political Sciences, Fine Arts, Sciences, Inscriptions and Belles Lettres and the Academie Francaise, which form the institute, have drawn up a petition by which they hope to prevent a vote against Mme. Curie and at the same time to avoid electing a woman. The petition asks that the institute shall consider the question of women as members at its next plenary session, on the ground that the question is one that affects all five academies and, therefore, should not be decided by one alone.

Mme. Curie is likely to be an Academician before the French Institute settles the question, for the Academy of Sciences of Stockholm, which awards the Nobel prizes, has expressed a wish to enroll as a foreign member the woman to whom the world is indebted for radium.

The question of women members of the institute is not a new one, the tradition against them having been powerful enough to keep out George Sand and Rosa Bonheur. Such opposition, however, only dates from the founda-

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tion of the institute as such in 1795. Its forerunner, the Royal Academy of Painting and Sculpture, included fifteen women members. The first of these was Catherine Duchemin, a painter of flowers, who became a member in 1663, the last Louise Elizabeth Vigee Lebrun, elected in 1783.

GIFT OF RADIIUM.

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—Following are the bids which have been received by the city for supplying the new equipment for the fire department authorized under the recent by-law: Two fire engines, Watrous Engine Company, \$8,000; Aherns, Fox Fire Engine Company, \$15,000. Motor hose wagons and motor combination chemical engine and hose wagon, Flindley, Durham & Brodie, \$5,225; Woods Motor and Taxis Company, combination, \$6,700; hose wagons, \$6,550. Hose, Vancouver Rubber Company, 90c to \$1.10 per foot according to quality; Goodyear—Rubber Company, \$1 to \$1.25 per foot; Canadian Rubber Company, 90c to \$1.10 per foot; Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company, \$1 to \$1.30 per foot. The W. E. Seagraves Company put in a lump tender for aerial truck, hose wagons and combination chemical engine and hose wagon of \$19,953.

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—Monday being a statutory holiday the regular weekly meeting of the city council will be held the following evening.

—A prayer meeting will be held this evening from 8 to 9 o'clock in the Victoria Gospel hall. The meeting is open to all.

—A petition, signed by the majority of the property owners on Broad street is now in the hands of the city clerk asking that a system of cluster lights be installed on that thoroughfare on the section from Courtenay street to Fort street. The petition will come before the city council at Tuesday evening's meeting.

—The mass meeting in the Grand theatre to-morrow at 4 p. m. will be addressed by Rev. J. B. Warnicker, of the First Baptist church, who will take as his subject, "The Under Dog." Dr. Ernest Hall will deliver an illustrated address on "The Cancer of Civilization." The Centennial band will be in attendance.

—Ald. Bannerman, who for the past year has filled the important post of chairman of the streets committee of the city council, will seek re-election in Ward 3. Another possible candidate in the same ward is ex-Alderman W. A. Gleason. Ald. Raymond, in Ward 4, has definitely decided to drop out of the contest this year.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21, 1910. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that on November 24th, 1910, we lost a horse insured with the British Empire Insurance Company, Ltd., successors to the British American Live Stock Association, Ltd., of Vancouver, B. C., for \$235, being our second loss. That our "proof" was completed and mailed to them December 4, 1910, and that we have this day, through R. A. Power, their local representative, received their cheque for the full amount. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 23rd day of December, 1910.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, Dec. 24—5 a. m.—the pressure is increasing over the North Pacific states; rainfall has been general on the Coast and temperatures are somewhat lower. Owing to wire trouble no reports east of Vancouver have been received since Thursday night.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday.

Victoria and vicinity—Winds chiefly southerly and westerly, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports at 5 a. m.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 41; minimum, 39; wind, 8 miles S. W.; rain, 51; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, 44; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 5 miles S.; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Friday:

Highest.....46

Lowest.....39

Average.....42

Rain, 1.46 inch.

General state of weather, rainy.

REMEMBER THE BIRDS.

All children are reminded to remember the young birds at this season of the year. A few toast crumbs, rice or wheat flakes would prove very acceptable, and the giver would be well rewarded by seeing the many varieties of birds that come for them, and if fed every morning regularly would have the pleasure also of seeing some of the same birds attending quite regularly.

AN APOLOGY.

After all there is not a mystery in Victoria. While it is not policy for a firm to reveal its intentions beforehand, the local reporter carried away by the sense of having scented an extraordinary proceeding, overreached himself. However, M. W. Wallt & Co.'s statement that they were going to give away "Something which we could not do without," is made good by to-day's announcement: "Money given away." A ten cent piece given with each dollar purchase at first sight does not appear startling, but if we pause a moment and consider that every article from a sheet of music to a Grand piano is being sold at cost, their liberality is astonishing. Figure up for yourself. You buy at a low price than any similar music store remaining in business could possibly sell at, and in addition get returned to you one-tenth of your expenditure. Ten cents may not appear much on a single dollar purchase, but think what it means on a larger article such as a piano!

DROP LEGAL FIGHT ON BELLOT STREET

City May Expropriate Lot at
the Cost of the Property
Owners Affected

The extension of Bellot street, known as Burdette avenue, through to Linden avenue, which has been held up because the owner of the lot required to complete the extension, Mrs. Humphreys, refused to allow the city to obtain the property except by purchase, has already cost \$1,900 in legal expenses and the solution of the matter is no nearer at hand, for the city barrister last night by letter advised the council to drop the action in the courts.

The owners of the adjoining property, however, will have another opportunity to have their wishes fulfilled, for they will be offered the expropriation plan of continuing Bellot street. Mrs. Humphreys is a communication last night fixed the value to her of the lot at \$4,328.25, and if the property owners want it the city will expropriate and charge them with the sum spent for the purchase and for the opening of the street.

When the expropriation of land to continue Burdette avenue was first made last year, it was thought that the lot obtained from W. Leslie Clay for \$2,500 would meet all requirements. An old plan of subdivision showed the road running right to the rear of Rev. Mr. Clay's lot. The plan, however, had not been registered and the city, going on the plan alone, did not discover until after obtaining the lot, that there was another, the property belonging to Mrs. Humphreys, lying between the end of the road and Rev. Mr. Clay's property. Mrs. Humphreys engaged her lawyers on the matter and the city after spending about \$1,000, has decided to drop the case in the courts and to expropriate if the council follows the resolution of the streets, bridges and sewers committee taken last night.

Captain Gardiner, garbage contractor, asked permission to occupy the end of the city wharf for the purpose of building a scow. The permission was granted by motion, when the mayor drew attention to the fact that the contractor should be held responsible for damage to the wharf and should pay a nominal rental. Capt. Gardiner agreed to pay 50 cents per day and to give the city solicitor an undertaking regarding responsibility in the event of damage to the wharf occurring.

Harry Helmcken is to-day making his annual rounds, leaving a trail of fragrant smoke in his path. Although not a smoker himself, Harry is unquestionably a good judge of cigars. The staff of the Times can testify to this as a fact.

The services to-morrow in the Metropolitan Methodist church will be of a very interesting nature. Edward Parsons will give an organ recital on the new organ at 7 p. m. and the special song service to be given by the choir under the leadership of J. M. Morgan will be of more than usual interest. The full programme is given elsewhere in this issue.

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Some of the Strong Points
About the Individual
Players

According to statements made at a special meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union held last night, extraordinary interest is being shown by the citizens and the football lovers in the city in the games to be played between the University of Berkeley and the home team on December 26, December 29, and January 2. The tickets are in great demand, and, given fine weather, the Oak Bay grounds should be crowded to their utmost capacity.

With a strong practice this afternoon the team which is to play Berkeley will conclude its training before



VICTORIA RUGBY TEAM.

Top row (left to right)—George Jay (President), R. Gillespie, J. Arbue, H. C. Hopgood, G. Milligan, S. Gillespie, L. Spencer, W. Moreby.
Middle row—A. T. Lowry, A. Gillespie, H. Gillespie, W. Newcombe (Captain), J. H. Young, S. P. McGuigan, L. Sweeney.
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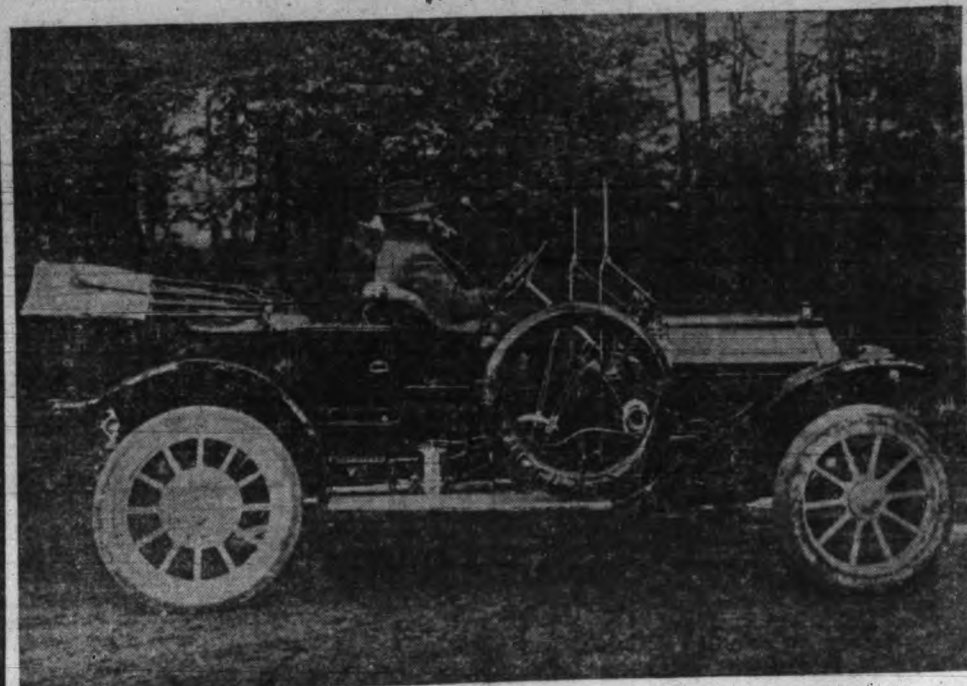
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SIR WILFRID'S GREETING.

Hopes British Preference Will Extend Throughout Empire.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has cabled Christmas greetings to the Daily Telegraph from Montreal, saying that Canada cordially reciprocates the wishes of the Daily Telegraph and adding: "I hope the coming year will be one of prosperity for the whole empire. Canada to-day meets Christmas tide in a better financial situation than ever before," and looks forward with confidence to the year of the coronation.

"Canada sticks by the principle of British preference and hopes it will be extended through the empire."

HAMAR GREENWOOD'S POST.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 24.—It is understood that Hamar Greenwood will succeed Oswald Partington, who lost his seat at the election, as junior lord of the treasury. It is anticipated that Greenwood has secured a sufficiently safe seat in Sunderland to hazard re-election.

FROM LORD STRATHCONA.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 24.—The following message from Lord Strathcona will appear in to-morrow's Lloyd's Weekly: "The peace and prosperity of the British Empire rests upon a solid foundation of love and liberty, veneration of justice and the restraining and enabling influence of Christianity. The ambition of all citizens of the Dominion of Canada is to build up a nation within the Empire whose people shall conform to the best traditions of morality and justice. For all the blessings she enjoys this Christmas morning Canada is profoundly thankful and there will arise from her home gathering to-day prayers for King, Queen and Empire."

McCANN SURRENDERS.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Former Police Inspector Edward McCann, convicted of taking money for police protection of vice in the West Side district, over which he presided, will spend his Christmas in the state prison at Joliet. McCann surrendered to the sheriff to-day and was taken to the county jail. To-night he will be taken to Joliet and entered in the prison to-morrow.

BOXING BOUTS ARRANGED.

Billie Hill and Joe Bailey of the Victoria West Athletic Association, are busily training for their match on January 2. Two years ago at the British Columbia championship Hill and Bailey were entered in the same class. Both won out in the semi-finals, but when it came to the finals, Hill claimed that Bailey was heavier than himself and after a careful consideration Hill was awarded the championship.

Arrangements are well in hand for the tournament and during the evening some thirty or forty rounds will be fought. This is the first tournament of the season, and is a preliminary to the British Columbia championship which will be held under the auspices of the J. B. A. A. later in the month. All the boxers are training hard and may be seen in action at the Empress, J. B. A. A. and Victoria West clubs every evening.

Three men, Robert Wayne, Eugene Lamon and James McVeigh, covered with blood and with battered faces, were taken from a room in the Imperial Hotel, View and Douglas streets, last night after participating in a drunken row and a free for all fight and were lodged in the cells till this morning, when they appeared in the police court and were fined each \$20 with the alternative of one month in jail. James Denny, who insisted on begging from Union club members in front of the club, was sent to jail for two months for vagrancy. H. Matthews, charged with wounding Michael Hayes with a knife, was again remanded until Tuesday.

HOLIDAY SPREE IS DEATH TO SIX

White Overcome a Leak of Lighting Gas Asphyxiates the Revellers

(Times Leased Wire.)

Kenton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed by illuminating gas in an apartment at the Linta Hotel here to-day. Their bodies were discovered by a bell boy. The dead:

Charles Latham and Mrs. Latham, William Kennedy, Pearl Kennedy, son of William, aged 24, Harry Newcomb, 23, Miss Bailey, 21.

The six persons had gathered for a pre-Christmas revel in a room of the hotel. The management of the hotel did not know of the gathering until it was reported that there was an odor of gas coming from the room. A bell boy was sent to investigate. He reported that the door was locked, but that he believed he had seen bodies as he looked over the transom. Entrance was forced into the room and the bodies removed. Efforts to resuscitate them proved fruitless.

A small stove which had been connected with the illuminating gas had become disconnected, filling the room with gas. The apartment was strewn with empty bottles, and it is believed the revellers had been overcome with liquor before the accident to the stove happened.

PASSING SHOW

New Grand Theatre.

It is really fascinating to watch little Grace Darney in her contention act at the Grand this week. She does the most impossible things with such remarkable ease. To dislocate her shoulders and turn her head so she is looking down her back seems a very simple matter to her. The Grand show is excellent throughout this week, with Josephine Almsley, who is a most attractive singer; McDonald and Hamilton, duettists in costume; Correll and Cook, the inimitable talkers and singers; and Phil and Nettie Peters, in fun and good looks. Next week is Christmas week, and Ray Dooley's Metropolitan Minstrels will be back, seven in all, ranging in age from eight to sixteen years.

Romano Photoplay Theatre. The programme of motion pictures at the above theatre for to-day and to-morrow is the finest shown in this city for some time. All the films are headliners, there being no back numbers this time, but for good, clean comedy the "Country Boarder" holds the palm. It is made by the Imp company and it is a perfect cure for the blues. "The Cattle Baron's Daughter" is a thrilling tale of the West, graphically told in a film made by the celebrated Bison Co. "So Runs the Way" is a drama of real heart interest made by the Reliance Co. "The Poem of Life" is a beautifully staged film. As well as the Romano orchestra will play new and appropriate music for the pictures.

New Empress Theatre. For the Christmas holidays the pictures to be seen at the Empress have been specially selected. The management have wisely departed from the ordinary drama programme and are putting on pictures that should make a saint laugh. To-morrow doors will be open from 1 p. m. until 11 p. m.; on Monday a continuous show from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. A better show will not be found in Victoria, as the programme has been extended to 5,000 feet of film for no extra charge. On Saturday and Monday each lady visiting the New Empress theatre will be presented with a pretty souvenir.

Majestic Theatre.

"The Double Elopement" depicts the experiences of two young couples who, unknown to each other, decided to adopt the automobile route to the matrimonial goal. By a coincidence their plans materialize at the same time, and in the excitement the fiancées are revealed. The subsequent pursuit by the respective parents and the alarming discovery of the mistaken identities provides good entertainment.

"Love in Quarantine" is a comedy drama, which depicts how a young lover won his bride at the expense of being quarantined in her home. "Trousseau Baby," another comic subject, is well calculated to raise a general laugh. "White Pawn's Devotion" depicting how an early settler in the Dakotas married a snow and had exciting experiences. "She Wanted a Boy-cow" and "A Wise Guy" are two comedies which present a series of most amusing situations.

Jameson's Crystal Theatre. The feature to-day and to-morrow is based upon the famous story by Miss Mulock, "John Halifax, Gentleman." John Halifax was an orphan, induced to leave his home by a friend. There he befriended first by Ursula March, the daughter of the richest man in town, who gives him food, and later by Abel Fletcher, a rich Quaker. Fletcher's invalid son takes a great fancy to John, and through his influence John is employed in his father's mill. After five years of faithful work, John has risen to the position of foreman. About this time there is great discontent at the mill, among the workmen. Fletcher decides to close it down. Unable to control the mob, John helps Fletcher, his son and Ursula, to escape. Finally he wins Fletcher's consent to a compromise with the men. Realizing the value of his property and life to John, Fletcher sells his forgiveness for his former harsh treatment. John becomes Fletcher's adopted son and wins Ursula for his bride.

Besides the pictures, of which there is the usual variety, Mr. D. Black with his concertina and Thos. J. Price in a new song make up the bill.

ERNA AND ELLA SOLD.

It is reported that the German steamships Erna and Ella, which have loaded wheat for the Mediterranean on Puget Sound, have been purchased by the Turkish government for use as transports, and that they will be turned over to their new owners after discharging their cargoes. The steamships were originally built for the East India trade, and they were chartered for their current voyages after a series of disastrous experiences on the coast. As transports, they will modulate about 800 soldiers each.

SUPFRAGETTES HURRYING HOME

Will Sail for New Zealand on Steamer Moana to Fight for Prohibition

(Times Leased Wire.)

When the steamer Moana leaves for the south at the end of next week she will have on board two suffragettes, Misses Alice and Ethel Stout, nieces of Sir Robert Stout, chief justice of New Zealand. They are hurrying home to assist in the prohibition plebiscite in the Dominion of New Zealand. A law recently passed in that country provides that, if sixty per cent of the electors declare in favor of it, the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants throughout the Dominion will be prohibited at the end of four years. As women have a vote in New Zealand the suffragettes will take part in the campaign.

The Misses Stout have been in England assisting the suffragette campaign there. In an interview they said that they expect the women vote in New Zealand to go solid for national prohibition to take the place of the "local option" now in force in parts, but there would be an immense amount of organizing work to do, and that was why they were hurrying home for.

PANDORA STREET WIDENING. City Engineer Submits Report For Consideration of Streets Committee.

At last evening's meeting of the streets committee the city engineer submitted the following report on the Pandora avenue improvement scheme:

"The widening of Pandora street between Chambers and Fernwood road, and the extension of Pandora a uniform width of 66 feet from Fernwood road to Oak Bay avenue, and for the widening of Oak Bay avenue from Port to McGregor streets to a width of 66 feet. The cost of expropriation bylaw will be borne by the various properties located. The expropriation bylaw will be independent of the paving bylaw. The area to be assessed for the expropriation should be determined by your committee, that is, you should determine how far on Pandora avenue and Oak Bay avenue the assessment should extend. Your committee also should determine the method, that is whether the amount to be raised should be raised solely on frontage assessment, assessed value, amount of benefit or partly by any two or more of these methods.

"I would suggest for your consideration that a percentage of the cost be placed on Pandora between Government and Chambers, another percentage between Chambers and Harrison, another percentage between Harrison and McGregor, and another between McGregor and Oak Bay avenue."

An assessment will be made by the assessor and submitted to the council.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickson, of Seattle, are spending the Xmas holidays in Victoria, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin.

DOWN BELOW ZERO.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—With temperature between twenty and thirty below zero, prospects are for a sharp Christmas. What almost amounts to a general prohibition appears to exist that the holidays will not pass without a serious fray between striking car men and street-breakers. Until now the situation has been very quiet, barring one or two minor incidents on outlying lines, where police protection has been poor. But a few broken heads and a pile of broken glass is the most serious result of the strike to date. The striking union men appear to realize that without public sympathy their cause is lost, and there is none.

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The Evening
Chit-Chat

BY RUTH CAMERON



A rather sug-
gestive story of
one woman's
Thanksgiving din-
ner came to me to-
day, and has a
Christmas sugges-
tion.
The woman in
question is a seam-
stress—she does
plain sewing and
that delightful con-
glomeration of re-
novating and fixing
over known as
"odd jobs."

She also has a wee income from some
stocks and, therefore, makes quite a
decent living. For some reason 'the
quarterly cheque, which should have
reached her some time before 'Thanks-
giving, was delayed this year. Two
days before Thanksgiving, after wait-
ing as long as she dared for the cheque,
she was writing a letter to a brother
in a distant city, asking him to lend
her a few dollars, when a customer
came in with an "odd job" she wanted
done. It was an old waist to be made
over and it was to be done at half-past
seven the night before the holiday.

When the customer had gone the lit-
tle seamstress reckoned thusly: "I have
money enough to last me until 'Thanks-
giving. My cheque will come directly
after that. With the money I get for
this job I will go out and treat myself
to a Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel.
That will be a nice change from my
own cooking for me. And I don't be-
lieve I'll need to bother my brother for
money. Goodness knows, he has none
too much, anyway." And she tore up
the letter.

The waist was done the night before
Thanksgiving. There had been more
work than she quite expected and the
little seamstress had to sit up until
twelve the night before, but that of
course, was an unimportant detail.
What mattered was that the waist was
done to the very last hook and eye and
even to a fresh ruching (both of which
the little seamstress had sold for her-
self, leaving her a sum total of cash
on hand of seven cents).

The customer came for the waist, and
only an hour and a half after the time
appointed, and was delighted with the
work. The bill, too, which came to two
dollars and a quarter, she said was
most reasonable. "I will drop in some
day next week and pay it," she assured
the seamstress sweetly.

Nine o'clock, Thanksgiving Eve—
eleven cents in her pocketbook—the
family from whom she rented the two

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rooms, in which she did light house-
keeping, had gone away for the hol-
iday—too late to send five hundred
miles to her brother and not a person
in town from whom she really felt she
wanted to borrow money.

All this the little seamstress re-
viewed—the way they say a drowning man
reviews his past life—while she was
unhasting the customer out the door.
And she went—the drowning man one
better, in that, besides making this re-
view, she smiled sweetly and remark-
ed that it was a pleasant evening, and
looked as if there would be a good old-
fashioned cold Thanksgiving.

And then she went back into her two
rooms, looked into the little closet that
stood for pantry, ice chest, china closet
and so forth in her menage, and yield-
ed that instead of trying to make
herself forget that she was a lonely
little woman by going to the hotel and

giving herself the unaccustomed treat
of a thoroughly good dinner, she would
stay at home and eat omelet and
baked potatoes.

Which she did.
Incidentally, being a game little lady
she spent ten of the eleven cents for a
dish of ice cream for dessert, made
herself some molasses candy in the
afternoon, and tried to remember how
very many people there were who had
less than she.

And "some day," not "next week," as
she had promised, but three weeks
later, the lady who had had to have the
waist in such a hurry that the little
seamstress had sat up till twelve
o'clock working over it, dropped in
and paid the bill.

Not a very thrilling tale, all this, I
admit.

But—what was the word I applied to
it?—oh, yes, suggestive.

And isn't it that?

Ruth Cameron

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Pemberton will be hostess this
evening at a small dance.

Mrs. George E. Moss, Seattle, is
visiting in the city for the Christmas
holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bick left yes-
terday via the C. P. R. on a trip to
Lindsay, Ontario.

Miss Olive Mackay will spend
Christmas at Thetis Island as the
guest of Mrs. Burchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heath and
children have gone over to Vancou-
ver for Christmas and the New Year.

Baron Arthur Groedel, Budapest,
and Anson Steudel, Vienna, left the
city yesterday for Chemnitz and
Nanaimo.

Percy H. F. McKay has come over
from Portland, Ore., to spend the
Christmas holidays with his parents
on Courtenay street.

Miss Penwell, who has been visiting
Mrs. D. McGillivray, Vancouver, has
returned to town. She was accom-
panied to the capital by Miss Dorothy
McGillivray, who will spend Christ-
mas with her aunt, Mrs. McBride.

Paymaster A. F. Weston, H. M. S.
Shearwater, accompanied by Mrs.
Weston, left yesterday via the C. P. R.
and Empress of Ireland on their re-
turn to the Old Country. Paymaster
Weston is the last of the old crew to
leave for home.

Hon. W. R. Ross, commissioner of
lands, accompanied by his family, ar-
rived in the city yesterday from Fer-
rie and registered at the Empress
hotel. After the holidays they will
take up their residence at "Lillooet,"
Fairfield road.

Captain and Mrs. Gaudin and Miss
Gaudin will spend the Christmas hol-
idays at Pier Island as the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey. Mr. and
Mrs. James Gaudin, Vancouver, who
have been spending a few days with
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilby, will ac-
company them.

On Monday evening last in St.
John's Presbyterian church, Vancou-
ver, the marriage was solemnized of
Mr. A. Allison Campbell, principal of
South Park school, Victoria, and Miss
Islay M. MacCallum, of Mt. Albion,
Prince Edward Island, late in the em-
ploy of Owen, Beare & Son, Co., Bos-
ton, Mass. The ceremony was per-
formed by Rev. A. J. MacGillivray,
pastor of the church. The bride was
dressed in a suit of grey broadcloth
with hat to match. The groom's gift
to the bride was a beautiful gold pen-
dant set with pearls and peridot. Mr.
and Mrs. Campbell came over to Vic-
toria on Wednesday and will reside at
631 Avalon road.

The marriage of Mr. Robert Earle
Brett, Banff, Alta., and Miss Ellen
Florence May Staepool, of Victoria,
daughter of Mr. Frank J. Staepool,
Esq., X. T., took place yesterday
at Christ Church cathedral. Very Rev.
Dean Doull officiating. The bride
was given away by her father and
supported by Miss Pennington of Hol-
land, Man., a cousin. The groom was
supported by Dr. H. R. Brett, his
brother. At the conclusion of the cere-
mony a reception was held at the
residence of Mr. R. E. Brett, cousin of
the groom, 1016 Carberry Gardens.
Amongst the relatives attending the
reception was Mr. F. A. Staepool,
brother of the bride, and Captain W.
B. Lindsay, Work Point barracks. The
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its worst form. It started with a slight rup-
ture and would affect most parts of his body—
thighs, elbows, chest, back and abdomen.
It would terminate in little pustules. The
itching and burning was dreadful and he
would almost tear his skin apart, trying to
get rid of it. I recommended all the various
treatments I could think of and he spent
about fifteen dollars on prescriptions but
nothing seemed to help him.

"In the meantime my wife who was con-
tinually suffering with a slight skin trouble
and who had been trying different prescrip-
tions and methods with my assistance, told
me she was going to get some of the Cuticura
Remedies. But as I did not know much about
Cuticura at that time I was doubtful whether
it would help her. Her skin would thicken,
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lieve her permanently. When she first ap-
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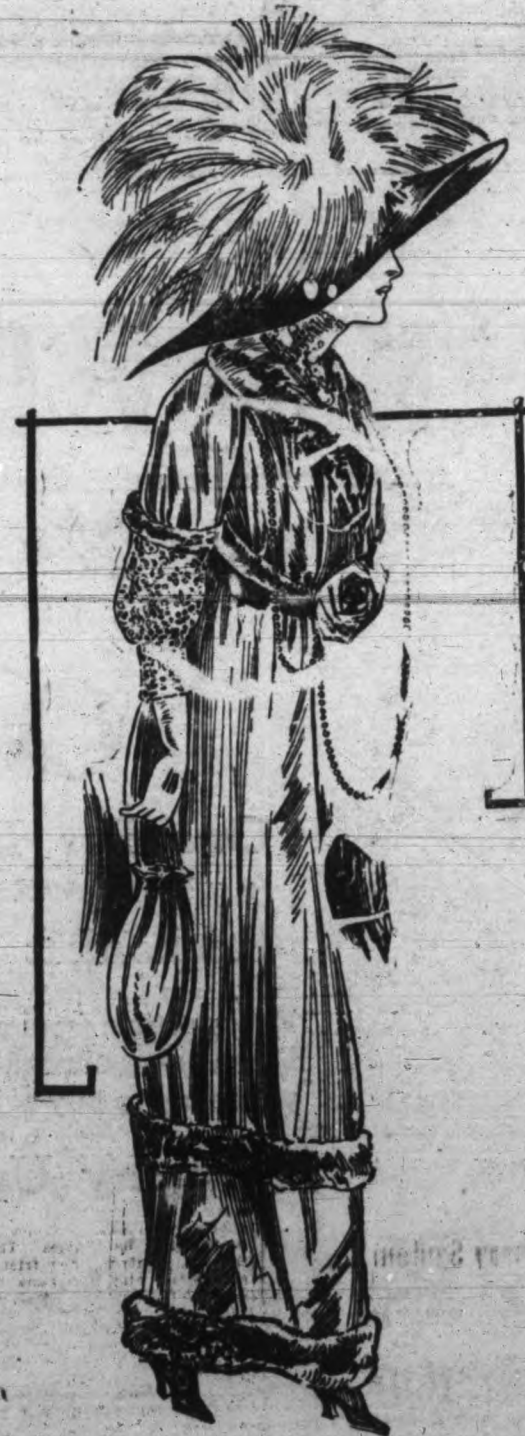
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A man and scholar of singular originality in character, habit and learning is lost by the death, in his eighty-fourth year, of Rev. J. E. B. Mayor, professor of Latin in the University of Cambridge.

Professor Mayor possessed one of the finest libraries in Cambridge—all of it, he was fond of saying, bought with the money saved on food. In his rooms up the tower in the second court of St. John's College this bearded scholar, suggesting in appearance some burgher from the olden times, had simplified life to its utmost. A bachelor and a teetotaler, in his view one could live well on 12 cents a day, and for some considerable time he reduced his nutrition bill to four cents a day, says a London exchange.

Originally led to vegetarianism on humane grounds, he continued it for reasons of health and economy. Quite recently, at a dinner party in London, he told of a dinner party in London, sent out for some bananas, of which a single fruit composed his dinner.

The story of his starvation programme is well known. When he was completing his magnum opus—his edition of Juvenal—he decided to fast on a progressive scale for the last forty-eight days of strenuous work. He was to eat only every other day for the first week, every fourth day for the next, and to eat nothing at all for the last fortnight. When doctors compelled him to surrender the programme at the beginning of the last week, he said: "I never felt so well or so eager for work in my life, and I am convinced that I should have suffered no harm by persevering with it."

In extent of learning and power of quotation he was compared by a fellow scholar with the Burton who wrote the "Anatomy of Melancholy," but his fund of humor and wit perhaps equals the comparison. He was, first of all, a great classical scholar; though he was almost as great an authority in gen-

eral philosophy and Sanskrit. It might be said of him that his "folly" was omniscience. But he had a profound belief in the specialization of science, holding that it must have a narrowing effect. He held that the man of science rarely saw life steadily or as a whole. He was fond of lecturing, and was well known at the Victoria Institute in London. He was also an original preacher. It was once said that his studies in Juvenal of the excesses of Roman society drove him to the simple life, but it was a favorite thesis of his that the Romans at their heyday were, like other conquering nations, abstemious, and, at their worst, much surpassed by modern livers.

SHIPBUILDING BOOM AT BELFAST YARDS

Number of Canadian Vessels
Under Construction by
Harlan & Wolff

Not for many years has there been such a boom in the great Belfast shipyards as there is at present, and all the indications point to a continuance of this prosperous state of affairs for an indefinite period.

When one thinks of Belfast shipbuilding, one naturally connects it with the name of Harlan & Wolff, the great firm of which Lord Pirrie is chairman, but it is not generally known that there is another yard in Belfast, that of Workman & Clark, whose output of tonnage is only a little below that of the larger and better known yard. Workman & Clark, in fact, may claim to turn out more ships than Harlan & Wolff, but the ships they build are not as large nor are they of the sensational kind that attracts the attention of the public. The manager of the Harlan & Wolff yards said the other day his firm had now enough work on hand to keep the yard working day and night with the full force for two years, if not another order were taken in the meantime, and more than that, the yards are working with triple shifts of men, 24 hours a day. There are now about 30,000 men on the payroll of this one firm alone. More surprising still is the news that Belfast firm has had to sub-let three big ships, for which it obtained the contracts, to its allied Clydebank firm of John Brown & Co. These are one of the three big intermediate steamers ordered some time ago by the Hamburg American company and two of the five new passenger steamers ordered by the Royal Mail Steamship Company for its South American service.

At present 4,000 men are working day and night, fitting out the big White Star liner Olympic, which was launched last month and which is now lying a little down Belfast Lough from the Queen's Island yards, while her sister ship, the Titanic, is fast approaching completion and will be launched early in the coming year.

Another big contract which is coming to Belfast is that of four 20-knot steamers for the Nova Scotia-New York service of the Canadian Pacific railway, and still another job which will be done at Queen's Island is the building of a couple of fast boats for the White Star line's Canadian service. The White Star people intend going after the Canadian mail contract in earnest when the contract with the Allan line expires next year, and these two 15,000 ton liners are designed as the winning argument in favor of a change.

In all, when the big Hamburg American liner now on the stocks, is launched some time next month, the firm's output for the year will have totalled something over \$3,000,000.

The Workman & Clark yard is quite as busy as its bigger neighbor. It has on hand at present orders for six 5,000 ton steamers from the United Fruit Company of Boston, and it launched recently two 10,000 ton boats for the new Holt line service from Glasgow to Australia. The pressure of work has been so great that this firm acquired recently 15 acres of additional land, adjoining the present yard on which it is erecting two more berths.

RAIN TREE.

Germans Experimenting With Botanical Curiosity With View of Planting in East Africa.

The German Colonial Office at Berlin will introduce into the Kaiser's African Empire the rain-giving tree of Peru, called Tamarind, by the Indians. Some time ago the government sent a botanist to Peru to study this peculiar tree. His report is as follows:

"The rain tree is a powerfully built tree, with a tremendous head of leaves, which latter possesses the peculiar faculty of absorbing the watery vapors of the air. The tree does not use this for its own nourishment, but keeps it on tap for the hot season, so to speak."

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Cathedral.

Christmas Services.—Christmas Sunday in the Cathedral will be full of interest for the worshippers. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7 and 8 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11 a. m., with Holy Communion following; children's service at 3.30 p. m., and evensong with carol singing at 7 p. m. The choir is making special preparations for the musical part of the services and will render home acceptable anthems. The preacher for the morning service is Bishop Perrin, and for the evening Dean Doull. Bishop Perrin will celebrate Holy Communion at Pemberton chapel, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, at 8.15 a. m., and the public are cordially invited to the service.

Children's Entertainment.—The children of the Sunday school will have their annual treat on Thursday next in the school room. Tea will be served at 6 p. m., and following this event a varied programme will be rendered by members of the school. The programme will be a most interesting one and it is being eagerly looked forward to by both old and young alike.

St. Saviour's.

Sunday Services.—To-morrow being Christmas day there will be special services of a very interesting nature. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a. m., and matins at 11 a. m., with special choral service. At 2.30 p. m. there will be a children's service and at 7 p. m. evensong with sermon. The services throughout the day will be fully choral. The annual entertainment for the children will be held after the New Year.

St. Barnabas.

Christmas Services.—The Christmas services at St. Barnabas commence this evening at 11.30, when the midnight celebration will take place. This will be a choral service and it will be of great interest. At 8 a. m. to-morrow morning there will be plain celebration of the holy eucharist, and at 10.30 matins followed by choral service at 11 a. m. The children's service will be held at 2.30 p. m., and evensong and carol singing at 7 p. m.

Children's Entertainment.—The annual entertainment for the children of the school will take place on Wednesday evening next when a most interesting dramatic performance will be given. The little ones will have their "Good Night" scene, the members of the Boy Scouts will have a camp scene and there will be other very interesting features. Tea will be served to the children at 5 p. m. and at the entertainment following Bishop Perrin will distribute the prizes won by the scholars in connection with the written examination on the scripture lessons. The medal for the head boy of the choir will also be given and the evening promises to be most interesting to both children and parents.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord.

Sunday Services.—The services to-morrow will be in keeping with the Christmas festival. In the morning the children will attend the service, and the music will be appropriate to the day. The choir will render anthems, and the hymns will be of a Christmas nature.

Sunday School Treat.

The annual treat in connection with the Sunday school will be held on Friday next in the school room. The children will be given supper, and after supper a most interesting programme will be given, to which the parents and friends are invited.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Church.

Church Decorations.—The members of the Young People's Society will meet on Monday next, but will meet on Tuesday evening in company with the members of the Men's Own, when they will assist in decorating the school room for the annual entertainment in connection with the Sunday school.

Annual Entertainment.—On Wednesday evening next the annual entertainment will be given by the members of the Sunday school. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 p. m., and afterwards there will be a concert and Christmas tree. The members of the school have prepared an excellent and interesting programme, and it is expected that the room will be filled for the event.

Finance Board.

The members of the

finance board are reminded that the monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next instead of Wednesday, and it is hoped that every member will be present.

Business Meeting.—The monthly business meeting of the church will be held on Thursday next at 8 p. m. This will be the last meeting of the church for the year, and it is hoped that every member will endeavor to be present. Some important items of business will be brought forward.

Sunday Services.—The services of to-morrow will be appropriate to Christmas Day. In addition to special music to be rendered by the choir, the pastor, Rev. H. A. Carson, will preach on "Christmas—Voices" in the morning, and "Is the Angel's Message Mankind's Desire?" in the evening.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First Church.

Sunday Services.—The usual services will be held to-morrow. In the morning public worship at 11 o'clock, followed by the meeting of the adult Bible class. Sunday school session at 2.30 p. m., and a specially interesting musical service at 7.30 p. m. The choir, under the leadership of J. G. Brown, will render a most interesting programme of music, and Rev. Dr. Campbell will deliver a short address appropriate to the occasion.

Mission Band.—The Girls' Mission band will meet at 4 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Orr, Harbinger avenue, next Wednesday afternoon.

Sunday School Treat.—The annual entertainment under the auspices of the Sunday school will be given next Wednesday evening. The members of the school will render a most interesting programme, and the usual Christmas tree will be laden with presents for all.

St. Andrew's.

Successful Entertainment.—The annual entertainment given to the members of the Sunday school was held last Wednesday when a most interesting programme was rendered. During the afternoon the members of the primary and junior departments were royally entertained, and after tea had been served Santa Claus made his appearance much to the delight of the children. The older members of the school sat down to supper at 6.30 p. m., and a short programme of toasts was enjoyed by all. Speeches were made by Noah Shakespeare on International Sunday School Work, and by John Meston and others. After this event had been enjoyed a programme was given by members of the school, a feature of which was an excellent club swinging drill, and the excellent work of the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Litton. The teachers and officers presented an address of appreciation to the superintendent, W. A. Gleason. The address was accompanied by a gold chain.

Sunday Services.—The services to-morrow will be quite in keeping with the Christmas event. A very interesting musical programme will be rendered by the choir at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, will preach.

St. Paul's, Victoria West.

Christmas Entertainment.—The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Sunday school will be given next Tuesday evening in Sample's hall. At 5.30 p. m. tea will be served to the children and afterwards a most interesting programme will be given.

Sunday Services.—The usual Sunday services will be of a specially interesting nature to-morrow in view of the Christmas anniversary. Rev. D. MacRae, pastor, will preach both morning and evening.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan.

Interesting Lecture.—There was a splendid attendance last Monday evening at the lecture on "California," given by Frederick W. Prince, under the auspices of the Epworth League. The feature of the evening was the numerous beautiful lantern slides were shown, and also the moving picture illustrations of life in the sunny south. Without any doubt it was the best lantern exhibition ever given in the city. Without a moment's pause slide after slide, illustrating California's beauty spots, was thrown upon the screen and each picture seemed more beautiful and clear than the one that

preceded it. The travel talk by Mr. Prince was most interesting and every one was delighted with the evening's entertainment.

W. M. S.—The monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was held last Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. D. Spencer, Moss street. There was a good attendance of members and the Christmas offering for missions was a very liberal one. The committee which had the arranging for the Men's Missionary banquet in hand presented a very favorable report and it was decided to present Mrs. Field, Mrs. Pumb, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Copeland with life membership certificates as a recognition of their many services to the cause of missions. Mrs. A. Lee and Mrs. Williams also paid the life membership fee so that the auxiliary will have a splendid report to make in this respect.

Presentation.—On Thursday evening last, at the regular prayer service, Miss Harte who has so faithfully performed the duties of pianist for the prayer meetings, was presented with an address and purse of gold as a token of appreciation of the manner in which she has filled this important position.

Belmont Avenue S. S.—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Spring Ridge Sunday school will be held on Wednesday evening next, when a cantata entitled "The Christmas Message," will be rendered by the members of the school. The usual Christmas tree will be in evidence and it is expected that the event will be of more than usual interest. It is interesting to note that it has been decided to change the name of the school to the name "Belmont Avenue." The school building being at the corner of Belmont avenue and Pembroke street, makes the name very appropriate.

Young People's Bible Class.—There was a record attendance at the Young People's Bible class last Sunday afternoon when the books showed seventy young people present. There will be an especially interesting session of the class to-morrow in the league room at 2.30 p. m., and all young people will be made heartily welcome.

Sunday Services.—The Christmas services to-morrow will be of a very interesting nature. The choir have prepared an excellent programme for the song service to-morrow evening and the organ recital at 7 p. m. by Edward Parsons will be an attractive feature. The full programme of music will be found in another column. Seat-holders are kindly requested to be in their places early, as it is expected that there will be a large congregation. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Holling, will deliver a short appropriate address.

CENTENNIAL.

Christmas Services.—The services both to-morrow morning and evening will be of a specially interesting nature in honor of Christmas Day. The choir has prepared a splendid programme of music for both services, and Rev. A. Henderson, pastor, will deliver a message appropriate to the occasion.

Sunday School Entertainment.—The annual entertainment for the children of the Sunday school will be given on Wednesday evening next, when W. M. Ritchie will give a lantern exhibition of most interesting views. There will be an illustrated song, and also an illustrated recitation. The usual Christmas tree with its abundance of presents and a visit of Santa Claus will take place in the school room at the close of the entertainment.

Adult Bible Class.—The men's adult Bible class of Centennial Methodist church desire to make Christmas Day's session a big one, far surpassing all previous ones both in quality and quantity, and in order that there will be no disappointment the executive urge all members to be present, as an attendance of at least sixty is expected. Being review Sunday the lessons of the past quarter will be outlined by different members of the class for discussion, in which all will be given a chance to take part. Last Sunday's lesson was especially well taken up by the men, and it is hoped that with the coming of the New Year there will also come new life to the class so that they may extend the good work which they are doing in the city. They wish it to be known that a stranger is only once so, and is not recognized as such after his first appearance at class, and all those attending their meetings, whether with the intention of joining or as visitors, will be made welcome. Time of meeting, Sunday afternoon at 2.30; place, parlor of the church; for prayerful study, fine discussions, good singing assisted by the quartette.

JAMES BAY.

W. M. S.—The monthly meeting of the James Bay auxiliary of the W. M. S. was held Monday afternoon. The Christmas offering for missions was a large one and the meeting was full of interest.

Sunday School Entertainment.—The annual treat for the members of the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday next, when a specially attractive features will be given. The members of the school are looking forward with deep interest to this event.

Christmas Services.—There will be special Christmas services both morning and evening to-morrow. Appropriate music will be given by the choir and the pastor, Rev. A. N. Miller, will deliver Christmas sermons.

VICTORIA WEST.

Sunday Services.—The usual Christmas services will be held to-morrow when special music will be rendered by the choir both morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Wood, will preach.

Christmas Tree.—The annual Christmas tree entertainment of the Sunday school will be given in Sample's hall on Wednesday evening next. There will be an interesting programme given by the children of the school.

BAPTIST.

Emmanuel.

Christmas Services.—The services on Sunday will be of a special character, Christmas hymns, carols and anthems being sung at each service. The pastor will preach in the morning on "The Message of Bethlehem to Our Time," and in the evening on "The Man Who Came to Bethlehem Too Late." Carols and anthems will be the feature of the evening service, and special hymn sheets have been prepared.

Children's Christmas Tree.—The children's Christmas tree and entertainment will be held on Monday evening, December 29. There will be no charge

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First.

Christmas Entertainments.—The annual Christmas entertainments of the three Sunday schools in connection with First church will be held on the following dates: First church school on Wednesday, December 29; Burnside

Mission on Friday, December 31, and Victoria West Mission on Wednesday, January 4. Tea will be served the members of the different schools about 6 p. m., and at 8 o'clock the programme and distribution of gifts will take place.


Burnside Mission.—The members of the mission are looking forward to Sunday, January 8, when Rev. I. W. Williamson, the B. C. Sunday school secretary, is expected to visit and address the school. Mr. Williamson will also preach at the evening service on the above date.

Convenient Meeting.—The officers of the church have decided that a convenient meeting of the members will be held after the public service of Sunday evening, January 1. This meeting will be held in place of the watch night service, which will be dispensed with for this year.

January Sermons.—The pastor, Rev. John B. Warnicker, is preparing a special series of sermons for the month of January, 1911. For the morning services there will be four expository sermons on the following topics: January 1, Matthew, the publican; January 8, Mark, the stenographer; January 15, Luke, the physician; January 22, John, the theologian. The topics for the evening sermons are: January 1, "The great events of the year which has just closed—1910"; January 8, "The Drama of life in three acts"; January 15, "The influence of wealth—is the millionaire a friend or foe of humanity?"; January 22, "What has become of the doctrine of eternal punishment? Do we still believe in hell?"; January 29, the monthly young peoples' service, "The elements of success—winning forces in the lives of men who have made their mark."

UNITARIAN.

Dr. Wilbur's Visit.—On Sunday last the congregation enjoyed a visit from Rev. Dr. Wilbur, field secretary for the Pacific coast. Dr. Wilbur delivered a very strong address upon "The distinctive mission of a liberal Christian church." The address, while exceedingly tolerant and indeed sympathetic towards all other religious cults, showed clearly that there was a large and distinctive place in all intelligent communities for a church representing new, liberal and progressive religious thought. Dr. Wilbur found the outlook encouraging and assured the society here of generous co-operation on the part of the American Unitarian Association. It is expected that in the



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THE GREEN ROOM

It took a week ago as if there was to be no Christmas attraction at the Victoria theatre, but Manager Denham was fortunately able to secure the booking of Harold Nelson and his company for Monday next in "The Wolf." This is a story of Canadian backwoods life and the press criticism of it in the east all go to prove that the press agent's claims for it are not exaggerated. Mr. Nelson is no stranger in Victoria, and he will be doubly welcome in the Christmas season.

At all the other local houses there will be afternoon and evening performances, and theatre-goers will find no lack of amusement.

On Tuesday evening next "The Burgomaster," that ever-welcome musical comedy, with the same splendid company that appeared here a few months ago, will come to the Victoria for a return visit.

It was a pity that Miss Lena Duthie's recital in the Institute hall on Thursday evening was so poorly attended. Of course the evening was against it, and this part of the holiday season is not favorable to large houses. Even then the audience which greeted Miss Duthie was miserably small. In spite of this she went bravely through a lengthy programme and could not have been better in song or story or illustration if she had had the encouragement of a sea of faces before her.

"Seven Days," the funniest comedy of recent years, which has been running at the Astor theatre, New York,

special orchestra, under the leadership of Paul Steindorf, will accompany the singers. The diva will sing the "Last Rose of Summer" and, as an additional Christmas gift to San Francisco, will render "Home, Sweet Home." Between the numbers the choir boys will sing Christmas carols.

Marie Tempest has resolved to go henceforth her own way theatrically and next autumn, at the Elliott theatre in New York, to turn actress-manager in her own right. She is weary of her recent peregrinations of the "back towns" of the Middle West in a mediocre revival of "Caste," and she has gladly accepted the invitation of the New theatre to appear there in the course of the winter as Becky Sharp in a play from Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" that Cosmo Lennox and Robert Hichins, the novelist, long since made for her. Next autumn she will share the Elliott and mount there two or three plays that she has in hand. One bears the enticing title, "Clothes and the Man." Meanwhile, Miss Tempest as Becky should be interesting and original.

There passed away the other day at Hot Springs, Ark., in his 64th year, Henry Gray Carleton, the playwright. He was a versatile fellow. After serving for several years in the United States army he took up journalism and worked on the New Orleans Times, the Chicago Tribune, New York Times, the New York World, and in 1883-5 was literary editor of Life. He branched into electrical work in 1889 and took out 34 patents on electrical devices during several years. He was the author of

manuscript. The "six best sellers" this month are stories of Canadian life and the three most popular dramas have their scenes laid in Canada. One of these plays, "The Wolf," will be here as a Christmas attraction.

The management of the Victoria theatre in choosing it for Monday evening's performance have endeavored to secure a play which combines all of the essential points of a holiday bill.

"The Wolf" tells a strong story in a powerful manner, and yet half of the scenes are given up to comedy. The characters are unique yet human, and the story is one that probably takes place every day in the out of the way places where law is only a matter of superstition or a memory of the long ago. One of the most delightful characters is a romantic French-Canadian with his love for the forests and gloomy barrens. Then there is an old Scotchman who insists on others following the laws of God and the Presbyterian kirk. There are two distinct types of Americans, the one a powerful man of the world, whose libertine desires check his career in the prime of life, and the other a bright and jolly boy who sees something funny about everybody and everything. Then there is the innocent young girl of the backwoods and the stolid half-breed who knows no law except the one invented by Mr. Winchester many years ago. All of these types are blended into what New York critics decided was the greatest drama of the season and the best play of Canadian pioneer life ever written.

Harold Nelson, the favorite Canadian actor, will appear in the role of Jules Beauchien, supported by a strong company.

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"Time, Place and Girl."
Quite the best thing that indefatigable trio, Hough, Adams and Howard, have done is the musical play, "The Time, the Place and the Girl," which will be offered at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, December 28.

This play must be placed in a class by itself, a story with music, fairly bubbling and sparkling with witty lines, a clever plot and many popular and catchy airs.

The scene is laid in a sanitarium in Virginia, where Johnny Hicks and his pal, Tom Cunningham, are forced to flee, having gotten into trouble the night before in a Boston gambling house, where Cunningham, while in an argument, struck one of the inmates on the head with a wine bottle. The police are getting after them. They manage to reach the sanitarium ahead of the police, and before the officers can make any arrest the sanitarium is placed under quarantine for small-pox.

Tom Cunningham, a rich man's son, wants to marry Margaret Simpson, daughter of the title, a farmer's daughter, who is also at the sanitarium with her father and brothers and others. After the smallpox quarantine is declared, the servants of the hotel and sanitarium desert, and the guests are forced to look after their own wants. Cunningham being chosen dictator of the place, assigns a certain task to each of the guests. The fun grows fast and furious when Johnny Hicks, the shrewd young gambler, is made head cook, and Margaret Simpson, who has quarrelled with Cunningham and rejected his suit, is ordered to do scrubbing. She refuses, and her meals are summarily cut off. The guests go on a strike and refuse to work. Cunningham breaks the strike by jerking off his coat and offering to meet them one at a time. Hicks falls in love with Molly Kelly, the head nurse.

Among some of the others in quarantine are Mrs. Talcott and her spoiled son and an Italian organ grinder. Throughout the entertainment the master hand of Ned Weyburn, the stage director, can plainly be seen, the arranging of choruses and the grouping of stage pictures.

The "Dixie" number is a real surprise and is the creation of Arthur Evans. Altogether, "The Time, the Place and the Girl" is one of the best, snappiest and wittiest productions that will be seen here this season.

EDWARD TERRY IS TO TOUR CANADA

An announcement of interest to Canadian theatre-goers is that of the forthcoming Canadian tour of Edward O'Connor Terry. For ten weeks, from the time he opens his season in Halifax during Christmas week until the close of his tour in Victoria, the famous English character actor will not so much as cross the border-line, but will devote himself entirely to the Canadian cities.

Though Edward Terry is not a member of the family that includes Ellen Terry and so many other well-known players, he has a name of his own that is truly formidable. He is indelibly associated with the part of the hard-drinking solicitor in one of Pinero's earlier plays, "Sweet Lavender," a role he created and has played several thousand times. He is also known as the proprietor and manager of Terry's theatre, London, the scene of many of his most pronounced successes.

Terry was born in London in 1844. His stage debut was made at Christchurch in 1863 as Wormwood in "The Lottery Ticket." He was engaged at the munificent salary of 15 shillings a week, of which three and sixpence was all he ever received. His second engagement was more profitable. For eighteen shillings he played eighteen parts in a single week at the Grand theatre, Woolwich, besides singing four songs, which he wrote himself, between the acts.

After early engagements with Irving, the elder Southern, and Toole, he scored a real hit in a play called "Catching an Heiress." From that time on his progress was rapid. By 1887 he had his own theatre. His third production at Terry's was Pinero's "Sweet Lavender," which enjoyed a run of 679 consecutive nights during its first run, and which he has revived repeatedly since. "The Magistrate," "The Innocents Abroad," "Love in Idleness," "The Passport" and "The House of Burnside" are some of the other well-known plays he has produced. He has visited America only once before.

During his present tour he will use a repertoire of his most successful productions. The plays to be included have not, as yet, been announced, but it is a safe gamble that the delightful old Pinero comedy, "Sweet Lavender," will head the list. His characterization of its leading role is a distinct masterpiece.

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It is interesting to note, in view of the plea put forward in one of the monthly magazines for the open-air theatre in London, that Sir Walter Scott in a note in "St. Roman's Well" mentions that the idea of the alfresco theatre described in that novel was taken from the open-air theatre he saw in the magnificent grounds of Kildrummy at Bray, near Dublin—during his visit to Ireland. This open-air theatre still exists, and it has always been considered by the family to be of great antiquity. Scott witnessed representations there, one of the most successful being that of Milton's "Comus."

As chance has it, the twelve-hundredth performance of "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" that Mr. Forbes-Robertson has accomplished in England and in America, will befall next Monday night at the Shubert, and they who seek it may have, besides the pleasure of the play and the acting, a souvenir in the shape of a calendar that bears the portrait of the chief character. Twelve-hundred performances is no mean record for a play; and since "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" depends for interest quite as much upon the acting as upon its intrinsic quality, no mean reward to the players in it. After all there is an art of acting, and it does—sometimes—flourish.

Arthur Schnitzler, the Viennese dramatist, has exceeded the records—even German records—in the writing of a play that requires five hours for performance and permits only one intermission. Nominally, it traverses life in Vienna in 1899 when Napoleon and his troops held the city. Really it is bitterly satirical of Viennese standards and habits as they go in 1910. Wonder of wonders, it has been acted (with fifty-two speaking parts) and applauded. A sturdy folk in the theatre are these Viennese.

At Lotta's fountain, in the heart of San Francisco, before thousands of persons, Luisa Tetrazzini, whom Walter Damrosch has styled the greatest diva of the present age, will sing on Christmas Eve. Tetrazzini has promised that the people of her "beloved San Francisco" shall hear her voice in the open air in a special programme. A staging will be built at the fountain, presented to the city by Lotta Crabtree, the songstress who won the hearts of the men of '98.

Tetrazzini will mount the structure at 9 o'clock in the evening. A number of choir boys will also appear and a

many plays, among those produced being "Memnon," "Victor Durand," "The Pombertons," "The Lion's Mouth," "Te Tattle Trouble," "Princess of Erie," "A Gilded Fool," "The Butterflies," "That Imprudent Young Couple," "Ambition," "Corinthe," "Jack's Honeymoon." Among his adaptations were "Never Again," "Ladies First," "The Girl from Maxim's," etc.

Nat Goodwin's marital troubles are endless and keep him in the limelight even more than his histrionic abilities. Now it is his fifth wife, Edna Goodrich Goodwin, who has filed suit for a legal separation from her husband. Goodwin was served with a summons in the case Thursday afternoon. He says his mother-in-law is the cause of the trouble between his wife and himself. His mother-in-law and wife recently left the hotel where Goodwin was stopping. At the time of his wedding Goodwin gave Miss Goodrich property worth \$200,000.

THE ADVANCE MAN.

Harold Nelson in "The Wolf."

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A dispatch from St. John, N.B., says that the Allan line has added to its fine fleet by the purchase of the 10,000-ton steamer Statendam from the Holland-American line. The steamer is one of the finest of the handsome passenger fleet of the Holland-American Co. The new boat is of 15 knots and it is said she was bought for \$350,000. She will be put on the Montreal-Glasgow route during the summer and the Boston-Glasgow run in winter, taking the place of the Pretorian, which will go to the London and Havre-St. John service.

Captain Cook, of the Corsican, has gone across to bring the steamship over. She will have her name changed. Hugh A. Allan, who is in charge of the British end of the Allan service, came over from his home in Glasgow on the C. P. R. Empress of Britain. It is understood that his visit, which was in connection with the late line, was urgent, in so far as the Allan line already has plans laid down with a large shipbuilding company for two monster steamers of the fastest type.

MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE.

Sir Edward Elgar, replying to the toast of "Music" at the annual dinner of the London district of the Institute of Journalists, said he wished that the lighter side of the art would be looked upon with favor by serious musicians.

What we wanted in this country was larger halls and music for the people at a cheaper rate. That was the crux of the situation at the present moment—how to bring the best music to the people who wanted it and who were educated to receive it but could not afford to pay for it. A large amount of money was wasted on examinations and worthless certificates enough to keep a national opera going and to endow concert halls all over the country.

AN INVITATION TO AN AMALGAMATION

Canadian Cricket Association Makes Overtures to the Local Body

Some two years ago the Canadian Cricket Association was reorganized and is now made up of representatives of the Ontario and Eastern Canada Cricket Association, A. P. R. Martin, the president of the Pacific Coast Cricket Association received a communication from W. E. Dean, president of the Canadian Cricket Association a few days ago, suggesting that the cricketers of the Pacific Coast amalgamate with the Canadian association. He stated: "We realize the C. C. A. is representative of only a small portion of the cricketers of Canada and we wish to make this body Canadian in fact as well as in name."

"The Manitoba cricketers have been invited to join us and while the invitation has not been accepted I think I am justified in stating they will do so within a few weeks. On behalf of the C. C. A. I wish to invite the cricketers of British Columbia to come in with us and make the cricket association worthy of our country."

In reply Mr. Martin wrote that there is no British Columbia Cricket Association, therefore, the cricketers here would be unable to avail themselves of the C. C. A. kind invitation to join them.

VICTORIA TEAM IN FINE FETTER

(Continued from page 5.)

Milligan—Played at the end 1908-1909; weighs 200 lbs. and is a very strong forward player; good dribbler and follows up well. Strong in the line-out. Tackling could be improved. In addition there are other players available, particularly K. Gillespie, at present at Cowichan. This strong player can be counted upon to put up a sterling game such as Victoria always expects from the Gillespie brothers.

SPORT NOTES

At a meeting held the other evening in connection with the Esquimalt Football Club the following officers were elected: Secretary, J. Ball; selection committee, Ishister, Jale, Potts and Bingham. The following team was selected to represent the club in their match with Lady Smith on Monday: Thomas, Sheriff, Ishister, Whyte, Duffy, Groatreux, Martin, Slater, Jale, Stevens and Burton.

MENDING BONES BY WIRING TOGETHER

Operations in Different Parts of Empire Under Very Dissimilar Conditions

The wonderful progress made in surgical science is well illustrated by the accounts of two operations which reached this journal last night—one from the London hospital and the other from the island of Tristan de Cunha, in the South Atlantic, 2,000 miles west of Capetown, says the London Daily Mail.

The operation at the London hospital was carried out with great success by means of a novel apparatus for wiring together the ends of a broken bone. The instrument, which was invented by Professor Lambotti, of Paris, consists of a strong pliable wire of softened German silver, on which a screw thread has been cut. A nut runs loosely on this thread. One surface of the wire for its last eight inches is flattened out so that below the nut the wire has one flat surface and one rounded.

"In wiring a broken bone," one of the officials at the hospital explained, "the surgeon, after having separated the soft parts covering the fracture, bends the flattened end of the wire into the shape of a buttonhook, the flat surface being inside and the round threaded surface on the outside."

"Slipping this hook under the fragments he pulls the free end up towards him with a pair of forceps, and then, opposing the two flattened surfaces of the wire, he screws the nut down until the loop thus made grasps the bone sufficiently tightly. The rest of the wire above the nut is then cut off, and another similar wire support is placed round another section of the break."

"With this instrument an oblique fracture of the thigh bone in a middle-aged man was wired in about half the time it usually takes. An X-ray picture to-day shows that the bones are held in perfect position. Instead of being in bed five or six weeks, as used to be customary before the days of wiring, this patient will probably be up in less than three weeks. The wire and the nut, which, of course, are allowed to remain about the bone after healing, give no inconvenience in after life."

The operation at Tristan de Cunha was carried out by A. Repello, who conducts the church services and performs other functions for the ninety-nine inhabitants. He writes: "A child injured by a stone coming down the hillside and falling upon her legs, breaking both of them, and making four very bad wounds which got full of sand. I attended the child for nearly three months, and I suppose it will be

VALUABLE TAPESTRY.

Ancient Frieze Sold for Large Sum in London Recently.

Two pieces of ancient tapestry which were recently discovered at Langford Hill, a Jacobean house near Bude, Cornwall, were sold for \$25,000 at Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's auction room, in London, Eng. The purchaser was Capt. H. Lindsay.

The principal piece, measuring 15 ft. 4 in. by 12 ft. 9 in., was one of a set of panels of fifteen-century Arras tapestry, originally belonging to Cardinal Wolsey and representing the seven deadly sins. Three other of the panels are now hanging at Hampton Court Palace. The second piece of tapestry was part of a frieze, 14 ft. by 2 ft. 4 in., originally made for Hampton Court Palace. Small pieces of the frieze still hang there in the great hall.

The tapestry was found packed away in a box at Langford Hill. The house belongs to two maiden ladies, who were unaware that their roof was harboring such treasures. It was stated in the sale room that some years ago the panel, packed in a box and described as a carpet, was sold at auction for \$750.

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"If things were as they used to be, when a British warship periodically visited the island, I should be provided with all the necessary things, but now we have not that privilege. But I hope better times are in store for us."

MOUNT SINAI.

Austrian Scientist Claims to Have Located Hill Famous in Biblical History.

Dr. Alois Mustl, who with a scientific party left Vienna in April to explore northern Arabia, has made a thorough examination of the little known area from Maan southward to El Gaw and the Red Sea and eastward to Jelma and the Wadi Sishim. Besides the collections he has made he has gathered much linguistic, ethnological and geological material.

He believes he has identified the famous Biblical Mount Sinai, regarding the precise situation of which a great controversy has been raging

for some time. Eminent geographers, notably Sir Richard Burton, have maintained that it is futile to try to discover the exact spot, as all attempts at identification are necessarily vain.

It is maintained, however, that it is in the Sinai peninsula in the vicinity of Elath, which is the very region explored by Prof. Mustl, who is confident that he has located the mountain.

WEIGHTY EVIDENCE.

"It is your duty, gentlemen, to say whether the prisoner is guilty or not guilty and to hearken to the evidence," said the clerk of the court at London sessions, a few days ago, concluding the usual formula addressed to the jury.

Evidence was at once forthcoming, even before counsel opened the case. From outside the court came a loud noise, and as the door was flung open four heavy milk churns were rolled in, causing an ear-splitting din.

Mr. Wallace, K. C. (with an alarmed expression): Why, whatever is the matter? What are those?

Counsel: "Oh, those are my exhibits, my lord. (Laughter.)"

Mr. Wallace: I thought it was a demonstration.

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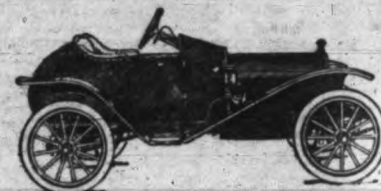
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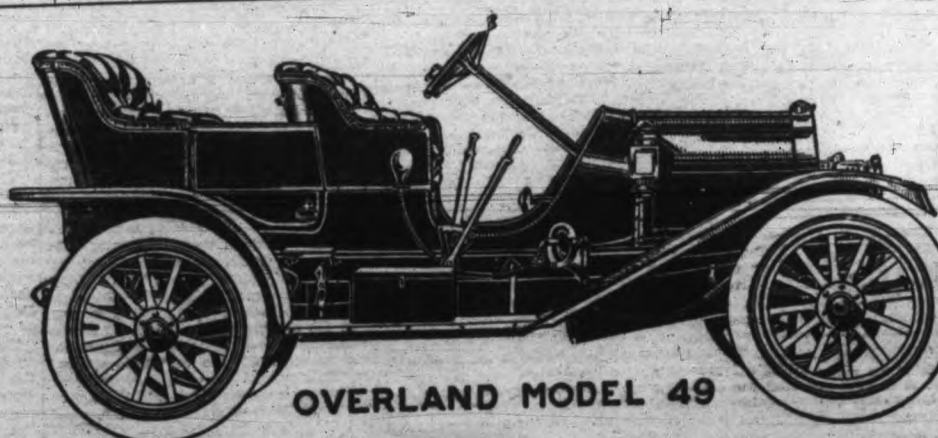
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Christmas Crackers

By J. J. M.



In my wanderings through this city during the last week, I have been particularly interested in the preparations which I have noticed on all sides for the festive season now so close at hand. All business establishments from the mammoth machinery depot to the small and unpretentious candy "shack" have been gradually discarding their worn-out every-day appearance for the new and attractive physiognomy which the advent of Christmas usually suggests. And not only this, but even the very articles exposed for sale, from the costly automobile to the modest Christmas cracker—seem to put forth special attractions for the benefit of the prospective purchaser.

Speaking of "costly automobiles" and "modest Christmas crackers," I have long since abandoned all hope of ever being able to own the former, and, as far as the latter is concerned, I can never look upon a Christmas cracker without curious and conflicting reflections. I have sometimes paused before the shop-windows where are displayed the boxes of gay gelatine-covered bonbons containing paper caps, grotesque masks, musical instruments, and Japanese novelties, and on such occasions my thoughts run back to a day, not so very long ago—a day that was, perhaps, the most exciting and adventurous of a restless life. On the 21st of December it rained incessantly in London, and well I recollect it. After lunch I sat in the club window in St. James' street, idly watching the drenched passers-by, many of them people who were up from the country to do their Christmas shopping.

The outlook was a gloomy one, particularly so for myself, for I had arranged to spend Christmas with my mother-in-law, who had a pretty villa among the olives outside Nice, but that morning had received a telegram from her saying that she was very unwell (I didn't believe her), and asking me to postpone my visit.

The club was practically deserted, save for one or two old cronies. Everyone had gone to country houses, and in view of the message I had received I felt dull and lonely. It is astonishing how very lonely a man may be at Christmas in great London, even though at other times he may possess hosts of friends.

I had received fully a dozen invitations to country houses, all of which I had declined, and was now, alas! stranded without hope of spending a "merry Christmas," except in the lonely silence of my own chambers; so I smoked on, looking forth into the darkening gloom.

The waiter switched on the light in the great smoking room at last, and then drew the heavy curtains at all the long windows, shutting out the dismal scene. A man I knew, a hard-working barrister, entered, threw himself down wearily, and lit a cigar. Then, after that I was, I began to gossip. He was going to be knocked by the 1150 from Euston that night, he remarked.

"Where are you spending Christmas?" he asked.

"Don't know," I replied; "probably at home."

"You seem to have the hump, my dear fellow," he remarked with a laugh. I then confided to him the reason.

At last, about 6 o'clock, I put on my overcoat and left the club. The rain had now stopped and I decided to walk along to my chambers in the Albany.

Hardly had I turned the corner into Piccadilly when I heard a voice at my elbow uttering my name with a foreign accent. Turning quickly, I saw, to my great surprise, a man named Galli, whom I had known in Florence. He was a member of the Florentine club and popular in the snobbish English society of that city of art and flowers.

"My dear Signor Price!" he exclaimed in his enthusiastic Italian way. "Caro amico! Well, well—who would have thought of meeting you? I am so very glad!" he cried. "I have only been in London since three days."

I shook my friend's hand warmly, for two seasons ago we had been extremely friendly and he had frequently dined at my house. I told him that I was on my way to the Albany and invited him to have a chat. He gladly accompanied me. When we were comfortably seated in my cosy sitting room he began to relate all the latest scandal of the great old Gile City which I loved so well. Galli was a well-dressed, rather elegant man of forty, whose soft brown hair was well-trimmed, whose eyes were full of the southern fire, and who rather prided himself upon being something of a lady-killer.

He was in London, it seemed, in connection with an important financial scheme in which his brother and a German merchant in London, named Giesman, were interested. He and his brother Umberto were paying a visit to the German, who, he told me, had offices in Coleman street and lived down at Wimbledon. There was a fortune in the business, he assured me. It was the discovery of a new alloy, lighter than aluminium, yet with twenty times the rigidity.

That evening we dined together at the Trocadero, looked in at the Empire, and returned to the club for a smoke.

Indeed, I was delighted to have found an old friend just when I was in deep despair over the dullness of every thing, and of Christmas in particular. Francesco Galli had spent one falling, his impudent inquisitiveness. After he had left me it occurred to me that all the time we had been together he had been constantly endeavoring to discover by recent movements—where I had visited of late, where I intended spending Christmas, and my probable movements subsequently.

What was at the back of his curiosity, I wondered. He was a busy-body, I knew—and the worst gossip in the whole of that gossip-loving city on the Arno. In the end I could only attribute his inquisitiveness to his natural propensity for prying into other people's affairs.

"Ah, Caro Comendatore!" he had said as he clasped my hand on leaving me. "They often speak of you in Firenze. How we all wish you were back again with us."

"I shall never go back," I said briefly. "certain domestic trouble prevents me—as you know."

"I know—I know, Comario," he replied. "Remember you have always had a true friend in Francesco Galli—and you always will, I trust."

Then he entered the taxi which the hall-porter had called for him.

Next afternoon he called upon me, as we had arranged. I had, with my Major Gerald Morrison, the well-known military writer, I introduced Galli to the major, and we spent a pleasant hour chatting and smoking. The major knew Florence well, and the two men had, they found, many mutual friends. Then, when he left, Morrison declared himself charmed by the man.

"So different from the usual Italian," he declared. "There's nothing of the popery about him—nothing of the modern fog of the Via Tornabuoni, or the very acme of bad breeding and degenerate idleness."

"No," I said, "Galli is quite a good fellow. I'm glad he's fond of me. I expected to be deadily dull this Christmas."

"So do I," replied my friend. "I've got a fortnight's leave, but the people I was going to be down with influenza I shall live at the Junior."

"In that case we might spend Christmas Day together," I suggested.

This he arranged.

My Italian friend saw me daily, I chanced to be a member of the little Italian club at the bottom of Saint James' street, and, as we were passing one afternoon I invited him in. To my surprise, he declined.

"A club of my countrymen abroad really doesn't interest me," he said in excuse.

I was introduced to his brother, Umberto, a tall, thin, rather narrow-eyed man, whom from his atrocious Italian, I judged to be from Milan. It was one evening in the Cafe Royal that I first saw Umberto, who was seated playing dominoes with a rather stout middle-aged man in gold-rimmed spectacles. This turned out to be Griesbach.

Both men expressed delight at seeing me. They declared they had often read translations of my books in German and in Italian, and it may be that on account of their flattery I invited the trio to the Albany for a smoke and a gossip.

We sat until nearly 2 o'clock in the morning. Griesbach had been many years in London, and was apparently financing the scheme of the brothers Galli, a scheme which, on the face of it, seemed a very sound undertaking.

All three were thorough cosmopolitans, cheery, easy-going men of the world, who told many quaint stories which caused my chambers to ring with laughter, while Chapman, my grave-faced man, seemed filled with wonder.

Next day was Christmas Eve, and Griesbach suddenly suggested that, if I had nothing better to do, he would be delighted if I would join their party at dinner on Christmas night at his house over at Wimbledon.

"I regret very much," I said, "but I've already arranged to dine with the friend, Major Morrison, who is up from Aldershot on leave."

"Oh!" exclaimed Francesco Galli. "I'm sure Herr Griesbach would be very pleased if he came also."

"Of course!" cried the German merrily. "The more the merrier. We shall dine at eight, and we'll expect you both. I'll send a note to the major if you'll give me his address."

I gave it to him, and, nothing loth, he sent the note. I then accepted the invitation.

entertained a shrewd suspicion that by their hospitality they wished to enlist my aid, because I had one or two friends in the city who might, perhaps, assist them materially in their scheme. And yet, after all, Francesco Galli had often been my guest at the Villa Renata.

Next day I heard on the telephone from the major that he would go down to Wimbledon with me, and would call for me at six at the Albany. Curiously enough, my man Chapman seemed to resent the constant visits of my

Italian friend, but knowing that, like the bull-dog Briton he was, he regarded all foreigners with suspicion, I took little notice of that fact. Indeed, I had become so impressed by the possibilities of the new alloy, about to be exploited with British capital, that I had really become anxious to "go in" with them. Morrison, too, was much interested when I showed him the specimen of the new metal which Galli had given me.

"Do you know," said the major, when he called for me at six o'clock on Christmas evening, "I was about town a lot yesterday, and I'm quite certain that I was followed by a foreigner—a rather big man, wearing a gold spectacle."

"Nonsense!" I laughed. "Why should you be followed by any foreigner?"

"It isn't nonsense, my dear Price," he declared. "The fellow kept close observation on me all yesterday afternoon. When I got back to the Junior I looked out half-an-hour afterwards and there he was still idling outside."

"Some chap who wants to serve you with a writ, perhaps?" I laughed grimly. "A neglected tailor's bill?"

"No," he said, "he's watching with some evil intent. I'm certain. I expect he's somewhere near, even now," he added.

"Why?" I laughed, "you seem quite nervous over it. Next time you see him go up to the Johnnie and ask him what the dickens he wants."

Half an hour later I put on my hat and coat, and together we took a taxi to Wimbledon Common. Bare trees lined the road in which we pulled up, and each house was a red-eyed one, standing in its own grounds.

Alighting, we opened the gate, and passing up a well-kept drive pulled the bell.

Our summons was answered by a thin, rather consumptive-looking German man-servant, who took our coats and ceremoniously ushered us into a big, well-furnished drawing-room, where Griesbach and the two Italians were already assembled awaiting us. All were smoking cigarettes, which made it evident that no ladies were expected.

The instant the major entered, the room I saw that he gave a start, and a few moments later he asked me to permit him to whisper to me that the man who had so persistently followed him on the previous day was none other than our host, Griesbach.

"Don't worry over it, my dear fellow," I urged. "What motive could he have? He didn't even know you yet."

And then the press became merry in that room so pleasantly decorated with holly, while Griesbach assured us of his delight in having us as his guests.

Dinner was served in the adjoining room, and a most excellent and thoroughly English repast it was. Our host had been long enough in England, he told us, to appreciate English food, hence we had part of a harem of beef with Christmas pudding afterwards, and excellent old port and nuts to follow.

Two young Germans waited at table, and the party was as merry a one as any of us could wish. Only the major seemed serious and preoccupied. He was suspicious, I knew—but of what?

I now openly confess that I perceived a gleam which I certainly did not feel, for after Morrison had told me that he had recognized Griesbach a very strange thought had occurred to me. It was this:

As we had entered the garden to approach the house I felt certain that I caught sight of the figure of a man crouching against one of the bushes in the shadow. At the time I thought nothing of it, so eager was I to meet my friends; yet now, in face of the major's whispered words, I grew very suspicious.

Why had that man been lurking there? When the cloth had been cleared and dessert laid, the elder of the two servants placed upon the table before our host a big box of long crackers, covered with dark-green paper and embellished with gold paper.

"These are German bon-bons," remarked Griesbach, his grey eyes beaming through his spectacles. "I got them each Christmas from my home in Stuttgart."

The conversation had again turned upon the splendid investment about to be offered to the British public, whereupon I half suggested that I was ready to go into the affair myself. Griesbach jumped at the idea, just as I expected, and handed round the box of crackers. Each of us took one, in celebration of Christmas, and on their being pulled we discovered small, but really acceptable, articles of gentlemen's jewelry within. My "surprise" was a pair of plain gold sleeve links, worth fully three or four pounds (fifteen or twenty dollars), while the major, with whom I pulled, received a nice turquoise scarf-pin—an incident which quite reassured him.

Our host refused to take one. "No," he declared, "they are for you, my dear fellows—all for you."

So again the box was passed round and four more crackers were taken. This time Morrison's bon-bon contained a tiny gold match-box, while within mine I found a small charm in the form of a gold enamelled doll to hang upon one's watch chain.

As the major and I pulled my cracker, I suddenly raised my eyes and caught sight of the expression upon the face of my friend Galli. It struck me as very curious. His sal-

low cheeks were pale, and his dark eyes seemed starting out of his head with excitement.

"Now, gentlemen," said our genial host, after he had passed the box for a third time, first to the Italians, who handed the remaining two bon-bons across the table to us, "you have each a final bon-bon. In one of them will be found a twenty mark piece—an old custom, I suggest, in order to mark this festive occasion, that whichever of you four obtains the coin shall receive, free of any obligation, five shares in our new syndicate."

"A most generous proposal!" declared my friend Galli, a sentiment with which we all agreed. "But alas! the two Italian gentlemen, their bon-bons only were unobtainable. The prize certainly a prize worth winning, now, my friends, the matter rests with you."

At that instant, however, Griesbach rose from the table suddenly, saying:

"You two gentlemen must settle between yourselves. It lies between you." And before we were aware of his intention he passed into the adjoining room, followed by the two Italians.

"Well," I laughed to Morrison when we were alone. "Here goes. Let's decide it!" And we both gripped the long green-and-gold cracker. If the coin were within, then I should receive a handsome present worth a little later on, perhaps, several thousands of pounds.

At that instant, however, we were both startled by a loud smashing of glass in the next room, curses in Italian and in German, and loud shouts in English, followed by the sharp report of a revolver.

We both sprang into the room, and there, to our surprise, found that six men had entered through the broken French window, and were struggling furiously with our host and his friends.

"What in the name of Fate does this mean?" I cried, startled and amazed at that sudden termination to our merry Christmas dinner.

"All right, Mr. Price," answered a big brown-bearded man. "You know me—Pelham, of Scotland Yard. Keep an eye on these bon-bons in the next room. Don't touch them at peril of your life!"

Then when our host and our two friends had been secured—not, however, before the room had been entered in a most desperate struggle—Inspector Pelham came forward to where the major was standing with me, and said:

"By Jove, Mr. Price! You two have had a very narrow escape, and no mistake! Where are these bon-bons?"

We took him into the dining room, showed him the remaining two, and told him we had been about to pull them.

"I know. We were watching you through the window. These men were firing from the house when they ran into our arms!"

"Why?"

"Because they are a dangerous trio whom we want on several charges. In addition, all three, and also the two servants, are ingenious spies. They've been busy these last two years. They intended to wreak upon both of you a terrible revenge for your recent exposure of the foreign system of espionage in England."

"Revenge!" I gasped. "What revenge?"

"Well," replied the detective-inspector, "both these bon-bons contain powerful bombs, and had you pulled either of them you'd have blown us to atoms."

"But, fortunately, we got wind of it, and were in time to watch and prevent it."

"And only just in the nick of time," rapped the major, pale-faced at the thought of our narrow escape. "I somehow felt all along some vague premonition that evil was intended."

The three bon-bons were conveyed to Wimbledon police station in cabs and there was the last we ever saw of them. The government hushed up the matter in order to avoid international complications. I suppose, but a week later the interesting trio were deported by the police to Hamburg as undesirable aliens.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that I can never look upon a Christmas bon-bon without—well, without a shudder, when I recollect what so easily might have been the fate of both of us?

WAIN AS SMOKER.

Humorist Unable to Write Without Pipe in Mouth.

Once when Mr. Clemens visited the Platton store Mr. Flaherty asked if he could send him some cigars, to which the humorist replied that he did not need any at the time, a friend having sent him some as a gift. Knowing Clemens' taste in the matter of cigars, Flaherty inquired if they were as good as the Jardi-Gra Brevia, the cigar Clemens smoked almost exclusively—and if they were made of Havana tobacco.

"No," he said, "I can't say they are. The nearest description I can give of them is that the wrappers fit like mother Hubbard's and the fillers taste like discarded clergymen's halats."

Another time when Flaherty was calling at Clemens' house the author became reminiscent on the subject of smoking.

"You know, I could not write without smoking," he said. "Once I had started to write a book and had fully made up my mind to quit smoking just to see if my thoughts would run along a new line. Well, they surely did, for I wrote for three whole days and felt proud of my will power in abstaining so long from a habit in which I had indulged for so many years. Then I did something I had never done before. I took all the manuscript I had written and I threw it away. I have often thought since how fortunate for me that my publishers never saw it, for I tore up the whole thing. I then filled my pipe, and before I closed my eyes that night I smoked five pipesful and wrote just twice as much as I had destroyed. What's more, I never read it over until the book was published."

"Yes, smoking is a great thing," he went on. "I once told an old lady who seemed anxious about my smoking that the only thing I regretted was that I could smoke only one cigar at a time."

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A lecture on "The Arrival of Man in Britain" was delivered in the theatre of the Civil Service Commission, London, before the Royal Anthropological Institute by Professor Boyd Dawkins, Sir Hubert H. Ridsley presiding.

Professor Dawkins said that in our search for the first traces of man on the earth it is obvious that we may search for him in the pleistocene stage, when the living species came in, with some small chance of success; but our main efforts must be directed to the pleistocene stage, when the living Rutherfordian forms were dominant and the face of nature as a whole was almost as it is to-day. As the evidence stands at present, man first appears on the earth in the Pleistocene age, in that phase of the evolution of nature to which he belongs.

In Europe the implements and weapons of the palaeolithic hunter associated with the bones and teeth of the animals that he hunted afford ample proof of his presence in the caverns and in the river valley of the pleistocene age over the whole region between the Mediterranean and the Baltic. The palaeolithic hunter presents two distinct phases of culture—those of the former being the ruler and also the older, and the latter culminating in the wonderful artistic developments shown in the engravings, carvings, and painted frescoes of the caves of France and Northwestern Spain.

There were three distinct zones in the pleistocene Europe, the northern, into which no southern animal penetrated; the southern, in which no northern species is found; and the middle, extending from the Alps and Pyrenees over France, Germany and the British Isles, as far north as Yorkshire. In this the northern and southern forms were so mingled together that there can be no doubt that they lived at the same time. The place of the river-drift man in these great migrations is clearly marked by his range. He came from the south, and his implements occur throughout the southern and middle zone as far to the north as Yorkshire. The discoveries in the caves of Belgium, France, and Gibraltar establish the fact that the low type of river-drift man found in the Neanderthal cave ranged over those regions, and more recently Dr. Keith has noted it in the caves of Gibraltar. The river-drift man in Britain probably belonged to this primitive race. The range of the cave-man is confined, with the solitary exception of the freestone cave of Altamira, near Santander, to the region north of the Alps and Pyrenees, occupied by the northern group of mammals, the implements and weapons being met with in France, Belgium, Germany, and as far to the east as Moravia, and to the north as southern Yorkshire. They were successors of the river-drift men, and lived in the latest phase of the Pleistocene period. From the identity of their culture with that of the Eskimos, and from the fact that at various places in Siberia there are

(£10,000) for the erection of an equestrian statue to his late Majesty King Edward on the best available site on the Calcutta Maidan. The Maharaja expressed the hope that the committee would use every endeavor to have the statue ready to be unveiled by King George when his Majesty visits India at the beginning of 1912.

The remainder of the fund will be devoted to the promotion of medical research hospitals, sanatoria, and other kindred objects.

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AMERICAN NATIONAL JUNIOR REPUBLIC

English Students Tell of Their
Experiences—Boys Governed by Boys

A party of students from the English schools who visited the United States this autumn give the following interesting sketch of the National Junior Republic, where they spent several days conferring in every way to its laws:

The seventy or eighty members of this "republic" varying in age from 14 to 21, have a stern code, and on their territory of about 2,000 acres, reached through the woods from Annapolis Junction, no law is allowed. The boy who is not working during working hours is arrested as a vagrant, brought into court, and tried by the youthful judge and sent to prison, where, under the authority of the young commissioner of police, he has to work without pay, only getting food and lodging in one of the six prison cells. All this is arranged by the boys. They are their own law-makers, and though many of them have been in the juvenile courts of America, and some have been sent by their parents to the estate given by Colonel Newbold, when once they have become citizens of the republic they speedily learn that the laws made by their fellow-citizens have to be obeyed. It is this esprit de corps that holds the community together, and it is seldom, if ever, that the adult superintendent, himself no veteran, has to interfere to enforce the legislation of the republic.

He and the farmer, the hotel-keeper, the technical instructor, and a schoolmistress are the only grown persons resident in the "republic." The council responsible for its existence pay periodical visits of inspection from their headquarters at Washington. Although this little republic is not actually self-supporting—raw material and machinery having to be brought from outside—it is certainly self-contained. It has its own president, a vice-president, a personage, who may be 15 or 20, and is elected each year by a ballot of citizens; he is paid \$3 a week for these duties. Then there is the attorney-general and the police commissioner, each receiving \$2.50 weekly. The policeman chosen by the young commissioner are paid about 50c a week, and there is some competition to get into the ranks of the police force.

The ordinary employment, besides household duties, includes building, poultry, and general farming, carpentry, opening up new land and draining. In fact, the work usual on an estate. Everybody is paid for his work, except, as has been mentioned, the prisoners; these, by their cheap labor, afford the prison authorities excellent opportunities of making profits out of the contracts they undertake. The usual wage to an ordinary laborer is 7 cents an hour, though a good workman can earn 8 cents. This cannot be called excessive, when the following timetable is considered:

6 a. m.—Rise. (A citizen is liable to arrest if still in his room after 6.30). 6.45, breakfast; 7.30 to 11.30, work; 12, dinner; 1 to 5, work; 6, supper; 8, bed. But the wage enables a citizen to pay his way and save a little besides, even if he never rises above the level of an unskilled laborer. The daily cost of food in the republic varies between 21 cents and 45 cents. In addition, a citizen pays 10 cents a night for his bed in a dormitory, unless he is rich when he can get a separate room for 20 cents; and his laundry bill may be 10 cents a week.

These youthful citizens have their own currency—one dollar down to 5-cent pieces—in tin; also they have cheques, payable on the superintendent, who is the republic's banker, but no paper money. Each citizen has his own banking account and makes his own payments, whether for his keep or for labor employed on his contract; at the end of his citizenship, which is on an average four years, any savings he may have are cashed into American currency at an exchange of one dollar American to ten dollars National Junior Republic.

The constitution consists of a president with a council of five, and what is called the "Town Meeting," an assembly inaugurated to avoid the problem of two chambers, of the whole community, which meets once a week to discuss legislation; the superintendent is a member of this meeting, but with no privileges of speaking above ordinary citizens. At these meetings the oratory is often impassioned and the argument scathing. The laws once made are enforced; nor are there many rebels. The boys see to that; and a prisoner's lot, on the 5-cent fare, doing the roughest work without pay, in enforced silence, is not enviable. The gaiety and night life of the community is represented by gramophone and orchestral entertainments, a gymnasium, and, in leisure hours of the day, swimming, football, and baseball.

It will thus be seen that this is a real republic of boys, governed by boys for

boys and governed properly as a constitutional body. One, at least, of their enactments the children of other communities would wish adopted universally, that is the payment for attendance at school. On consideration this must be so, if the citizens are to keep themselves, because during the school terms half the community is at work and half at school. Otherwise, to all intents and purposes, this miniature republic is as other republics, without, however, a foreign policy. To enter it you must become a citizen in deed as well as name, doing your work and earning your keep like the rest and obeying its laws.

The students of the International Interchange Association found this out, and they found the work quite hard enough, and the laws more so—in fact, two were arrested early in their stay for carrying tobacco, which, like alcohol, is forbidden within the boundaries. Another was arrested for trespassing on the pleasure lawns in work time—circumstantial evidence that he was loafing—and it was only by a contribution to the monthly magazine, for which he received one dollar, that he was able to earn his fine before leaving.

SIR OLIVER LODGE MAY BE RAIN MAKER

For Half Million Dollars is Willing to Experiment on Dispersing Fogs.

Much interest has been aroused in England by the statement made by Sir Oliver Lodge in a lecture at Birmingham university, that if the nation granted \$500,000 a year to the universities for experiment he would apply electricity not only to accelerate plant growth, but to dispersing the fog from harbor stations and influencing the weather in clouds and rain.

Sir Oliver, later, in an interview, said: "I showed, in 1884 to the British Association at Montreal, that the discharge of electricity into smoky air, or air laden with metallic fumes, would coagulate the particles, and so cause it to be deposited much more rapidly than if it were not electrified."

"I also showed that a steam cloud blown from a boiler into a bell-jar could be dissipated and turned into fine rain by a discharge of electricity from a point. It is the same cause as before."

"Minute particles of water in the air or mist aggregate together under electrical influence, and, thus becoming larger, fall as a perceptible shower, or Scottish mist."

"The same action, intensified, goes on in the neighborhood of thunderclouds, and causes the difference between thunder rain and ordinary rain; the small drops mass themselves together into big ones, and so fall with greater rapidity and violence."

"In countries where rainfall is desired it would seem, therefore, to be feasible to erect discharging stations. In order to cause an assemblage of clouds, which sometimes disperse without any result, to give up their moisture."

"And in countries which are afflicted with too much rain—which is rather an exceptional condition, for the greater part of the surface of the earth suffers from drought rather than excessive moisture—it has been suggested that it may be possible, by erecting discharge stations round the coast, to prevent too many clouds penetrating into an interior."

"For none of that, however, do I vouch. I have only made experiments on a small scale. But on a small scale it is undoubtedly true that electrifying a cloud brings about the precipitation of moisture."

"Whether it will be so on a large scale or not is a matter for experiment; but it is well known that the electrical state of the atmosphere and the kind of weather experienced are closely connected."

"Which is cause and which is effect may be uncertain, but it would seem very desirable to try the experiment on a larger scale and see whether artificially altering the state of the atmosphere will not, at the same time, affect the weather."

"In no case can commercial results be guaranteed beforehand. What is

wanted is that many experiments of this kind shall be tried. There is bound to be some result, though no one may be able to say previously what it will be. After we have gained the experience, it will be time to consider the matter from the practical and commercial point of view."

CANNIBAL KINGS TO HAVE WIRELESS

Station Being Erected in New Guinea Where People Still Eat Each Other

A message by wireless telegraphy direct to a cannibal king will soon be within the realm of possibility, for a high-power wireless station is now in course of installation in British New Guinea, or Papua, a country where a proportion of the natives still maintain the unpleasant habit of eating their neighbors.

J. H. P. Murray, the lieutenant-governor of British New Guinea, gives the news of this strange linking together of civilization and darkest barbarism. He has just returned to London from Port Moresby, the capital of British New Guinea, 12,000 miles away, to spend Christmas in England.

"When the wireless station—which should now be in course of erection—is in working order," said Mr. Murray, "we shall be in daily communication with Australia, and there is some talk now of establishing a newspaper at Port Moresby. Under present conditions, without the wireless, when a business man in New Guinea wants to communicate with his principals in the Commonwealth, it may take about three months before he can get a reply."

No one knows how many people live in Papua, because a great part of the country is still unexplored.

"There are about 700 whites," said Mr. Murray, "and the native population has been variously estimated at from 300,000 to 500,000. There are any number of tribes and dialects. Cannibalism is still rife in the districts beyond our sphere, but we are gradually spreading our influence and putting it down."

Imprisonment is a punishment for cannibalism, but Mr. Murray has found that the natives cease the practice when they are convinced that it is "bad form" to make a feast off a neighbor. Okokola, is one village which has set its face against cannibalism, and where no known cannibal is ever received. Thus, among the other natives to be on visiting terms at Okokola is a mark of high social tone.

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TALKS ON WAR

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British Too Wise and Germany Too Clever to Engage in Wanton War

"Wars are not paid for in war time. The bill comes later." With these words of Benjamin Franklin, Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, concluded a powerful address recently on the subject of "War and Manhood," before five hundred members of the Toronto Canadian Club. It was, as pointed out by Mr. J. F. MacKay, president of the club, somewhat remarkable that on two succeeding Mondays the club should have the opportunity of listening to the first and second among the foremost educationists of the American republic. The fact that Dr. Jordan had just returned from a successful mission to Ottawa, in removing one cause of friction between the United States and Canada, the dispute regarding the Great Lakes fisheries, made his talk on international peace all the more interesting.

"We are working towards the ideals of peace," said Dr. Jordan, "that is, the taking of unreasoning anger out of the councils of the world."

The Extension of Law.
Dr. Jordan thought that peace came in the direction of the extension of the idea of law. Law represented the way in which things came about, the best way of doing things. Law in the ordinary sense represented the ideal relations between men and men. There were no possible amendments to real law. The law of God represented the best possible way of doing things. Anything which gets on the statute books which does not represent real law becomes sooner or later a dead letter.

In the beginning of history every man's life and every woman's life was a tragedy, like the life of the wild animals. Little by little tribal war, or, as Dr. Jordan called it, "the wars between cities, between counties, between robber barons, passed away as law gained its successive victories. Killing on a large scale is now legalized only between nations."

Dr. Jordan told of how the work at The Hague had already secured the arrangement that seaboard cities should no longer be subject to bombardment in war, that merchant and passenger vessels should not be subject to attack. They expected that after a little all those things which make war a nuisance to commerce and trade would be abated. "But we want to get behind all that, and stop the use of war as a means of settling the difficulties between nations."

War Prevents Progress.
Dr. Jordan contended that these differences were generally unreal, and had their origin in the evil passion of some man in authority to turn the attention of the people from some needed reform. He quoted the words of a French legislator to the effect that France was beginning to go ahead because she was taking her mind away from the thought of Alsace-Lorraine and revenge. The use of law in international disputes he illustrated from the late decision in the Newfoundland fisheries case, which, he thought, had been settled with absolute justice.

Some Terrible Figures.
Speaking of the finances of war, Dr. Jordan estimated the war debt of Europe as \$26,000,000,000. It is greatest in France, with \$5,000,000,000. Germany has a debt of \$3,800,000,000; Great Britain, \$2,700,000,000; Italy and Spain, \$2,800,000,000 each. The interest paid yearly on this sum is \$1,250,000,000, mostly paid by workingmen.
Sixteen bondholders constitute the credit of Europe. If each of these men were to spend a million dollars a year there would still be one thousand million dollars left. That is to say, this immense sum comes the equivalent of ten to twenty Rockefeller fortunes every year. He exploded the notion that France had paid the enormous war indemnity asked by Germany after the Franco-Prussian war through the savings of the peasants. She went to Rothschild and borrowed the money. There is not enough money in the world to pay this interest, and so it is added to the debt.

England Too Wise For War.
"I do not believe there is any more danger of war between England and Germany than between England and Mars," said Dr. Jordan. "One reason is that England is too wise and sensible to begin war wantonly. Another reason is that Germany, though not too wise and sensible, is too clever to make war wantonly. Beyond all this the system of credit would be broken up, and the invisible empire that stands behind the powers that appear to be the powers does not want war."

Dr. Jordan did not believe in the great war preparations made by European nations. He thought one produced another, and the United States was following a bad lead. He said that the men at The Hague looked to the two nations of the new world to take the lead in all these matters. Canada and the United States were free from the invisible empire; what money they had borrowed having been for their own development, except that the United States got some to keep in the swim with the other nations. "The great controversial boundary, disputed all the way with all the brutal Frenchness common to blood relations, as my friend Macdonald said, had never a soldier nor a gun to defend it." He asserted his belief, and promised active co-operation, in the scheme to put a stone bridge over the Niagara river to commemorate a hundred years of peace.

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close to car line. Above price takes
the two for this month only. Reas-
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7 ROOMED HOUSE, Victoria street,
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lot 4x150, \$2,100, \$500 cash, balance
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lot 120x34, stone foundation, \$6,000,
terms.

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Railway Company
CLEARED LANDS

The cleared lots at Qualicum Beach,
Newcastle District, are now on the
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acres.
For plans and prices apply to L. H.
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DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the
above named deceased, Hilton Keith, are
required to send particulars thereof, duly
verified by statutory declaration, to the
undersigned, on or before the 29th day of
January, 1911, after which date the execu-
tors will proceed to distribute the assets
of the deceased among the persons en-
titled thereto, having regard only to the
claims of which they shall then have
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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 20th day of
December, 1910.
MORSEY & O'REILLY
Solicitors for the Executors of the Estate
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22 BASTION STREET, VICTORIA.

FOR SALE.
80 ACRES OF LAND, with water
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TWO VALUABLE WATER LOTS on
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OUR SPECIALTY IS HOMES.
4 Room Cottage, concrete foundation,
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6 Room Cottage, almost new, within 1/2
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Shelbourne Street—New, modern four-
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40 x 165. Easy terms. \$1750

1/2 Storey, wood lined, 4 rooms and
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ter, 40 x 165. \$1500

BRITISH - AMERICAN TRUST
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Broad and View Streets.

Hillside Avenue Bargain, double corner.
For quick sale, easy terms, price
is \$1100

Large piece, 120 x 120, on Rockland,
near Cook Street, suitable for ap-
partments. Price, easy terms. \$7,000
Nice Corner Property on Cook and
Johnson Street, 7 roomed house on
this now producing \$20 monthly.
Price for this fine apartment loca-
tion, easy terms. \$6750

PRAGIAS CAFE, OYSTER
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ESTATE.
Cook Street, double corner for \$3,000
Terms.
Sully Street, choice lot for \$1,000
Terms.
Cook Street, 65 foot lot for \$1,300
Terms.
Chapman Street, lot 52 x 126, for \$1,000
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Water, Sewer, and Light on all these
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on trial on the Ontario division. It, as
seems likely from the results of the pre-
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found workable, a more extended addition
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HAVE THEM IN SEPIA.
Your own or the baby's photo taken
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MONKEY AT PHONE.
In response to the sweetly intoned
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telephone exchange, there came back a
long drawn out moan. Again the op-
erator demanded the number. The only
answer was another moan, louder than
the first, that the young woman could
associate only with a person in dis-
tress.
"Girls, there's a man dying on this
wire!" the operator cried.
All rules were forgotten and every
operator in the exchange switched in
on the wire to listen. They too, heard
the moans.
"The man's being murdered or he is
dying and calling for aid," said one of
the operators. "Call Police Headquarters."
So a policeman at the switchboard in
Brooklyn Headquarters was informed by
an excited operator that a man was
dying in the Broadway Grill, a hotel
conducted by J. M. Morris, at No. 912
Broadway.
The police operator also became ex-
cited after he had been connected with
the Broadway Grill and had listened to
the moans transmitted by wire. He
asked the lieutenant at the Vernon
avenue station to send two policemen to
the hotel.

Policemen Hendricks and O'Brien
found the Broadway Grill in darkness,
for it was then about four o'clock.
They pounded on the door for several
minutes before a sleepy watchman ad-
mitted them.
"No one dead or dying here, so far as
I know," said the watchman when the
policemen stated their errand.
"Where's your telephone?" demand-
ed O'Brien.
"Over there," said the watchman,
pointing to a booth at the rear of the
room. The door of the booth was closed.
As the policeman threw it open a
cowering monkey sprang out and
jumped upon a table.
At sight of the animal the watchman
ran upstairs and returned in a few
minutes with another sleepy man.
"Sure, that's my pet monkey," he
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TERMS MADE BETWEEN
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Grand Trunk Pacific Gets Fixed
Assessment for Ten
Years in Rupert

Prince Rupert, Dec. 23.—D'Arcy
Tate, G. T. P. solicitor, is on his way
to Montreal with a draft agreement
between the city and the company.
The city agrees to fix the company's
assessment at \$2,000,000 for a period of
ten years, no exemption of taxation to
be for a longer period than ten years,
and the whole agreement to be subject
to ratification by the people. The net
amount of taxes payable to the city
not to exceed \$25,000 for any one year
provided that in case the railway com-
pany shall alienate any of its lands the
city shall immediately become sub-
ject to the ordinary city assessment
and rates, but a deduction is to be
made in the assessment of the railway
company proportionate to the relative
value of the property so alienated to
the balance of the property held by the
railway company.

The assets and privileges to be
granted to the city by the railway
company, in consideration of reduction
of taxes as aforesaid, are: Acropolis
Hill; a cemetery site; Hays Creek
reservation for a park site; a city hall
site in block 15, section one, water-
front 200 feet wide at the foot of
Claude street; reservoir site on Mon-
treal hill, and in section two; four park
sites at the corner of McBride street
and Sixth avenue; vacant and un-
divided portion of land running along
the brow of the bluff between McBride
street and Bigrace place, including por-
tion along Fulton St. between Third
avenue and Fifth Ave.; park sites in
section seven and eight; grant of eas-
ments over Grand Trunk Pacific prop-
erty for city sewers, water mains, etc.;
grant of a lane lying between block 25,
section 1 and block 1, section 6.

The company is to bear its share of
local improvement works, "sitting
its property. It agreed to commence
immediately to build a station, round-
houses, engine works, dry dock, hotel
and other work and keep its payroll
within the city.

ROYAL SOCIETY.
The anniversary dinner of the Royal
Society was held in London recently,
Sir Archibald Geikie presiding.
Lord Robson of Jesmond, in propos-
ing the toast of the Royal society, said
the condition of public life just now
was not altogether favorable to the
propagation of the scientific spirit,
with its calm temper and patient meth-
ods. We had going on a carnival of
controversy of the good old pre-scienti-
fic type, carried on more according to
the analogies of war than logic. It
was at such a time, however, that the
still small voice of the Royal society
should be heard. Because, while poli-
ticians were contending, and putting
forth their remedies for the industrial
and social conditions which they were
striving to maintain or alter, these con-
ditions were and virtually dependent
for their improvement upon men of sci-
ence than upon men of government.
Science was quietly doing more than
even the most noisy rhetorician. Sci-
entists, perhaps, did not quarrel enough
about their work. If they could only
find occasions for a little quarreling
their work would be much better
known and much better understood;
but they must quarrel in public. The
unselfishness of science work was its
most treasured possession.

The president, responding, said the
Royal society had held its place not
only as the parent of other societies,
but because it had never narrowed the
range of its activity, and always re-
ceived and welcomed every addition to
the knowledge of natural science.

BRITISH COLUMBIANS USE BRITISH PRODUCT
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What Followed a Scratch.
Mrs. Brown, 7 Calumet Ave., Montreal,
says:—"While busy in the kitchen one
day the oven door fell off, striking my
right leg and inflicting a nasty scratch.
While this was painful, I never thought
it would become a serious wound, but to
my surprise it became very much inflamed
and very painful. I found that the
dye from my stocking had got into it
and poisoned it. The pain and inflam-
mation got worse and the wound dis-
charged freely. At this stage someone
advised me to try Zam-Buk and I
obtained a supply. This balm seemed
to draw out the soreness at once,
reduced the inflammation and soothed
the wound. I gradually recovered
with Zam-Buk and within a few weeks
the wound was quite healed."

Eczema Banished.
To be covered with sores which some-
times itch and burn and then, when
rubbed, cause a stinging agony—sores which
look repulsive as well as cause pain—
sores which have defied all remedies
that have been applied to them—what
could be worse? Yet this is the lot of
scores of people to-day who suffer from
that terrible disease, Eczema. To all
such sufferers we will send trial box of
Zam-Buk free! Write us, sending 10
stamp to pay return postage.

Mr. Wm. Dufferin, 808 Lipton St.,
Winnipeg, says:—"Last winter I suf-
fered from Eczema. After trying
lotions, salves and powders given me by
the doctor, which failed to do me any
good, I tried Zam-Buk. This proved
equal to my case and cured me."

Use as a Household Balm
Mrs. W. Blair, 91 St. Catharine St.,
Hamilton, speaks of the value of Zam-
Buk as a household balm. She says:
"I one day slipped and fell against
Morris rocker, knocking my knee very
badly. The knee turned black as
blue and was very painful. I rubbed
Zam-Buk well into the injured mem-
ber and it was indeed surprising how quick
I found relief. The swelling was re-
duced and pain and discoloration ban-
ished. By perseverance with Zam-Buk
my injured knee was well again in
couple of days."
"I have since proved it to be a
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WHY MANY PEOPLE
COMMIT SUICIDE
Some Are Insane While Others
Prefer Death to
Disgrace

The subject of imitative suicide has
recently attracted attention in the
public press. The mental condition of
an individual who commits suicide is
difficult to fathom. In one class of
case a person will fancy that he is be-
ing constantly persecuted, that he is
always watched, or that he is financial-
ly ruined—all these ideas being con-
trary to fact; he destroys himself in or-
der to escape these imaginary evils,
says the Lancet.

Such a man is obviously of unsound
mind. In another class of case a man
has committed a crime or disgraced
himself in some way, and in order to
free himself from the consequences of
his act he takes his own life in prefer-
ence to facing exposure or the punish-
ment entailed. Such an individual is
not necessarily insane.

But there is yet another class—people
who are subject to attacks of de-
pression and who are apt to brood over
real or imagined injuries. These are
weak-minded, or may be on the bor-
der line between sanity and insanity.

Or another class likely to act upon
some sudden impulse are the alco-
holics. In these a passing suggestion
is likely to result in some deed of vio-
lence often of a suicidal nature. Such
impulses are susceptible of being
spread by imitation. Reading in the
newspaper of a mode of self-destruction
which is likely to excite great notoriety
has been known to induce a similar
act in the reader; a suicide by
coal gas, especially when a description
has been given of the exact manner in
which the deed was carried out, has
found imitators.

More particularly, however, the
sight of a particular spot or locality
where previous suicides have taken
place may induce a person, who may
hitherto have been unsuspected of any
such disposition, to destroy himself.
Falls from heights especially come un-
der this heading. Numerous suicides
have taken place from the Suspension
bridge at Clifton, Bristol. A writer in
the Yorkshire Evening News has re-
cently said that much harm is done by
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tative suicide may follow. We agree
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ROYAL OAK NEWS

The third dance was held in the Royal Oak hall last Thursday night, and proved another success. W. J. Quick acted as floor manager and announced that New Year's evening (Monday night), the Royal Oak Athletic association would give a dance to their friends. This new institution, by this means makes its bow to the public, after which it is intended to take on the game of basketball and other indoor sports during the winter months.

At the school closing a presentation was made to the retiring teacher, Miss M. Holt. A beautiful silver tea set was presented by Mrs. Rogers on behalf of the parents. Miss Holt has been a popular teacher and general regret is felt that she is leaving.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday night. Officers were elected as follows: President, F. G. Quick; vice-president, P. D. Goepke; sec.-treas., C. E. King; directors, J. Nicholson, J. Pim, J. R. Carmichael, L. Duval, Jr., D. Smith, S. McCulloch, R. Hutchinson, J. J. Clarke, J. A. Grant, W. Quick; auditors, W. Lowland and W. Jackson; delegate to the Central Institute, F. G. Quick. It was decided to hold a banquet in the Royal Oak hall in January and an annual picnic on Labor Day. An effort will be made to organize a company of Boy Scouts.

The B. C. Electric Ry. Co. have representatives out making arrangements for the purchase of a right-of-way. They are meeting with very little resistance, as the farmers concede that their line's advent will be a benefit to them. It will parallel the west road from Prospect road to Heald postoffice and skirt the side-hill near the road until "Tad's" lot is reached.

As soon as the new Prospect Lake road is jointed up Duval Bros. will move their saw mill in there. They have purchased 100 acres of valuable timber land overlooking the lake.

M. Harrison, the Royal Oak grocery, has sold out. His business will be enlarged and improved by the new-comers.

This community offers a suitable opening for a blacksmith shop. Mr. Kinnaird has bought 5 acres of the "Fir Brae" estate.

The Royal Oak station has outlived its usefulness. It is usually filled with freight, and passengers awaiting the arrival of the train are compelled to sit on top of it or wait outside in the rain. In any case the shelter is only overhead. The Saanich council are to be urged to take this matter up with the railway company and press for adequate accommodation for the public.

RELATIONS RENEWED.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 23.—It is generally believed that athletic relations between the University of Oregon and the Oregon State Agricultural College, severed recently, will be renewed now that the faculties of the two institutions have got together and prepared a joint report. The report which will be formally made public soon, declares that the attitude of the great majority of students is friendly and ascribes the disorders more to the exuberance of young athletes than to malicious feelings.

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SOMERSAULT BY STREETS COMMITTEE

After Deciding to Take Certain Course They Hear City Solicitor and Do Not

The city solicitor cannot bring himself to agree with the judgment of Mr. Justice Gregory, who decided against the city in the Rockland avenue roadway construction case, and he gave it as his opinion last night at the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee that that decision would be upset when the case came before the higher court. He also said that he was not alone in his opinion; that the city barrister and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., agreed with him.

His remarks followed a discussion on the sub-committee's report regarding the paving of Vancouver and Oliphant streets, where the property owners object to the unworkmanlike and unfinished manner in which the macadam roadway on those streets has been put down. On the advice of the solicitor the committee decided that to alter the class of construction now would be impossible, and that the present undertaking should remain as it is, with the exception that the city will keep the road in repair when necessary. A few minutes before the committee had unanimously adopted a report recommending compliance with the wishes of the owners on those streets.

Owners of property on the streets affected claimed the paving was "rotten" and hints were given that they would follow the example of Rockland avenue owners and refuse to pay their assessments on the ground that the city had failed to lay the roadway asked for in their original petition, and would go to law. There was a special committee appointed to consider the matter, and the report handed in last night from it read as follows:

"We, your sub-committee, beg to report that we have examined Vancouver street from Humboldt street to Beacon Hill park, also Oliphant street, Sutlej street and Pendergast street, between Cook street and Vancouver street. Vancouver street has been macadamized at a cost of \$6,175, the city paying one-third of the cost. The macadam on this street cost \$12.33 per square yard. The macadam on Oliphant street cost \$1.66 per square yard.

"It is the wish of the ratepayers that Oliphant and Vancouver streets be resurfaced with Worswick asphalt three inches thick, at the cost of \$1 per square yard, and that the cost to the ratepayers on these streets for the macadam and asphalt be on the basis of a pavement costing \$2 per square yard, the city paying one-fifth of the cost.

"The Worswick Paving Company have offered to remove sufficient macadam, if given the material, and resurface the roadway with asphalt and guarantee the work for 10 years, leaving with the city 15 per cent. of the cost of the work.

"We would recommend that these two streets be resurfaced on the above conditions.

"Pendergast and Sutlej streets are in an impassable condition. We find that your council have taken the initiative for paving these streets with asphalt. We would recommend that tenders be called for paving these two streets in conjunction with the streets recently passed by the city council."

The special committee consisted of Ald. Bannermen and Sargison, was the city engineer. The report was adopted.

It had been suggested that improvements should be made, but the solicitor advised that under the local improvement system added improvements could not be made. It was finally decided to notify the owners that the city will keep the roads in proper repair.

MORE TROUBLE OVER CREOSOTED BLOCKS

Contractor Says Culls Once Rejected Are Accepted by Inspector

At the streets, bridges and sewers committee meeting last night Delbert Hankin, manager of the Michigan Puget Sound Lumber Company, alleged that the inspector at the creosote plant had on occasions refused blocks which were returned to the mill as culls, and later, when the same blocks were thrown back on him, he did not know them as culls and accepted them, they having first been judged as unfit for street work. These blocks have presumably been treated at the creosote plant and then used on the city street paving work.

Mr. Hankin's statement came about owing to a charge of \$175 made by the city engineer for blocks delivered and refused by the city. Mr. Hankin said he had protested and had been advised to come to the streets, bridges and sewers committee and talk it over. Inspector McEachern is in charge of the block grading at the plant, and it is on his authority that the culls were returned on one occasion and accepted the second time of offering. He, however, is not working for the city at present, but is nevertheless drawing pay, owing to the fact that he injured his hand. The city engineer told the committee last night there was nothing else to do but pay him.

On the suggestion of the mayor the matter will be discussed further on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30, when all par-



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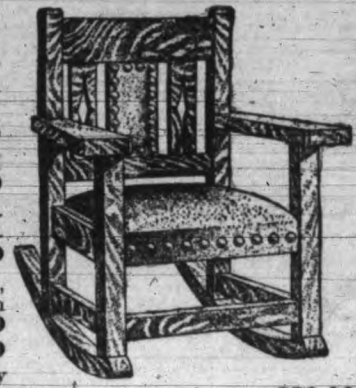
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POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Chief of Police Galloway handed his resignation to Mayor Alexander to-day to take effect January 4. Alexander announced that the police commission selected Lieut. Chas. Sebastian to succeed Galloway.

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